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Tory plan to take over all schools

BY PHILIP WEBSTER AND DAVID CHARTER

SCHOOL funding could be taken away from local councils and handed to Whitehall under a radical plan being considered by the Prime Minister.

Such a move would enable John Major to achieve at a stroke his ambition of getting all 25,000 schools in the country to opt out of local authority control and become self-governing. It would also bring the greatest upheaval in local government since Balfour, depriving councils of their biggest single responsibility and raising questions about the future of other local services, such as social services and policing.

Education authorities were set up by the Conservatives under the Balfour Education Act of 1902 to inspect and maintain schools and to ensure that places were planned for all children. Removing this responsibility, which accounts for 40 per cent of council spending, has been considered by Conservative governments in the past but the idea has always been rejected for fear of a backlash over the emasculation of local government. Now, after the ending of council control over polytechnics and colleges, the schools are back on the agenda.

According to government sources, the idea is one of the options to be considered by the Cabinet's home and social affairs committee as it considers how to follow up Mr Major's pledge. "It would be bold; it would be daring. But it could be the way to get us to the goal the Prime Minister has signposted." The plan is, however, certain to be opposed by some Cabinet ministers, including John Gummer.

So far, 1,072 schools have voted for direct funding by the Department of Education and although measures have been announced recently to make opting out more attractive, there appears little likelihood of an upsurge. At the present rate, it would take more than 100 years for all schools to become grant-maintained.

A senior Cabinet source revealed that although the emphasis now was on trying to achieve more opt-out schools through voluntary means, a more revolutionary approach might soon be needed.

Any change is unlikely before the next election, but it is being seriously pressed by ministers close to the Prime Minister for inclusion in the Tory election manifesto. Those supporting the change accept that the constitutional significance would be so great that it would be best put forward as an election commitment. In that case, it would be accompanied by a massive campaign to persuade parents and governors that their involvement in schools would be enhanced.

Under the plan, the Government's revenue support grant to councils would be heavily reduced and the money earmarked for education would instead go directly to schools through the Funding Agency for Schools.

In their book *Too Close To Call* Sarah Hogg and Jonathan Hill, the Prime Minister's leading advisers during most of his premiership, recall that by the end of 1990, many ministers were exasperated with local government. With the nationalisation of local business rates, local councils were by then responsible for raising only about a quarter of what they spent. "More and more Tory MPs thought the logical solution was for central government to take over completely," they wrote. Some ministers wanted to transfer all education to central government. At that time Mr Major was not convinced. Now, he may be ready to move.

In his interview with *The Times* in August, he said his objective was that all publicly funded schools should be run as free self-governing schools, and in a speech in Birmingham last month, he reiterated his campaign to achieve "full self-government" for all state schools.

Experts are divided on whether grant-maintained status offers a better education. Although examination results are higher, so, too, are class sizes, according to a report to be published by the independent London Research Centre tomorrow. Outer London council schools have an average of 17.1

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Bottomley calls for more care in lottery handouts

BY LIN JENKINS AND ARTHUR LEATHLEY

VIRGINIA Bottomley will demand more careful distribution of National Lottery *money following criticism* from major charities over the award of £40 million to more than 600 obscure voluntary groups.

Charities claimed yesterday that the small bodies chosen for the handouts already receive funding for their work helping ethnic minorities, immigrants and the disadvantaged from the Home Office and local authorities.

The National Heritage Secretary will make clear to the heads of the distributing bodies next week that they have not yet struck "the right balance". "It is early days, but to say that we have got it absolutely right or that the distribution is perfect would be wrong and complacent. We are neither," said a National Heritage department source.

The big children's charities, and those involved in medical research and overseas aid, which have lost millions because of the lottery, claim ticket-buyers want them to benefit. A colleague of Mrs Bottomley said: "She believes this is the people's lottery, but the money is not going to the organisations that the people would choose."

However, Mrs Bottomley publicly defended the lottery yesterday, and warned the large charities to be watchful in view of the remuneration packages some of those running the larger ones receive.

Among the grants to be announced today is £7,000 for a Chinese women's group in Gloucestershire to fund an interpreter to help with such tasks as shopping. The Vietnamese Mental Health Project and an initiative in Glasgow to give advice to the parents of drug addicts will also benefit.

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Clinton tells UN to launch drugs purge

FROM MARCUS FLETCHER AND ARTHUR LEATHLEY

PRESIDENT CLINTON yesterday launched the fiftieth anniversary celebrations of the United Nations in New York by calling for a global offensive against terrorism, drugs, organised crime and the black market in nuclear, chemical and biological materials.

He pledged continued American support to the UN and promised to pay his country's $1.3 billion (£859 million) arrears. Mr Clinton insisted, however, that the UN had to jettison outdated priorities, break up bureaucratic fiefdoms and do more with less money. John Major will reinforce this message today by demanding money owed to Britain for its peacekeeping role in Bosnia-Herzegovina and telling the UN that lax control of funding must be tightened up.

Britain is owed about £50 million for its role in Bosnia. Last month Malcolm Rifkind, the Foreign Secretary, demanded that countries in arrears should pay interest charges on their debts. The Prime Minister is angered by the UN's failure to chase up debts to cover the £3.2 million daily cost of its peacekeeping mission in the Balkans.

Total arrears stand at £2.4 billion, with 39 of the 185 members states failing to pay their dues last year. The American debt, by far the largest, is equivalent to the annual UN budget. Britain recently cleared its arrears.

Mr Clinton called on all nations to take a "no-sanctuary pledge" and to tell criminals that they "have nowhere to run and nowhere to hide". He told his Administration to identify the front companies and freeze the assets of the Cali cartel, the largest drug ring, and to threaten sanctions against any nation that tolerates money-laundering.

The US President's keynote speech was well received, but President Yeltsin soured the harmony before his fifth summit with Mr Clinton today by declaring that Russia would send troops to help implement a Bosnian peace deal only if the international force was under UN control. "It is inadmissible for a regional organisation [Nato] to make decisions concerning the mass use of force by bypassing the Security Council," he said.

The United States has tried to overcome the issue by suggesting that Russian forces should carry out support tasks such as mine-clearing and rebuilding bridges. Warren Christopher, the Secretary of State, said he saw little chance of Mr Clinton and Mr Yeltsin resolving this dispute, which is hardening Moscow's opposition to Nato's expansion eastward. The summit will be held at Hyde Park, President Roosevelt's estate on the Hudson River, which was chosen to evoke the Second World War alliance between the two countries. The present state of relations is better conveyed, however, by the fact that the two leaders will not end the meeting with their customary joint news conference.

Mr Clinton reiterated his pledge to send American troops to help to enforce a Bosnian peace settlement, but used the bulk of his speech to set new priorities for the UN in the post-Cold War world.

He urged all nations to negotiate and endorse an "international declaration to promote the safety of the world's citizens" against terrorists, drug-traffickers, nuclear smugglers and criminals. He said such people "jeopardise the global trend towards peace and freedom, undermine fragile new democracies, sap the strength from developing countries and threaten our efforts to build a safer, more prosperous world". He referred to the recent terrorist attacks in Oklahoma City, Tokyo and Paris and insisted that no nation was immune.

Mr Clinton called for a "counter-terrorism pact ... to shut down the great markets that outfit terrorists and criminals with firearms and false documents". He appealed for an international "anti-narcotics offensive" and a global network of centres giving national police forces access to the latest crime-fighting techniques and technologies. He also called for intensified efforts to prevent the spread of materials for weapons of mass destruction.

Mr Clinton, the only head of state permitted to speak for longer than five minutes, said the dreams of the UN's founders had yet to be fully realised, but the world body had proved itself "a force for good and a bulwark against evil".

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President Clinton greets President Yeltsin, centre, and President Chirac at the United Nations anniversary meeting in New York yesterday



A chance to meet Hawking

Stephen Hawking, the author of *A Brief History of Time*, will give The Waterstone's lecture, sponsored by *The Times* and Icon, at the Albert Hall next month. His title will be *Does God Throw Dice in Black Holes?*.....Page 5

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Germans consider 'danger Pill' ban

BY CATHERINE MILTON AND MICHAEL KALLENBACH

GOVERNMENT medical experts received support for their health warning about some brands of the contraceptive pill last night with the announcement that a ban is being considered in Germany.

Members of the Government's Committee on Safety of Medicines (CSM) also responded angrily to claims that the warning that seven types of oral contraceptive carry a higher than expected risk of thrombosis had been part of a cost-cutting drive.

The Berlin-based Federal Institute for Pharmaceutical and Medical Products issued a warning affecting up to a million German women who take the Pill, based on research conducted at the World Health Organisation.

Organon, the manufacturer of two of the "blacklisted" Pills, criticised the Berlin institute for causing "unbelievable and unnecessary anxiety among the firm's users". Another company, Schering, based in Berlin, is opening an emergency hotline for the public today.

German drugs companies have been asked by the Government to give their reaction to the WHO study tomorrow; that will give them an opportunity to try to disprove some of the findings.

Reports yesterday that the warning issued in Britain was part of an attempt to cut costs were rejected as "unutterable clap-trap" by Professor Howard Jacobs, of the University College and Middlesex School of Medicine, London, who is a member of the CSM. He added: "It is nonsensical, mean-minded speculation from ignorant pigs. The cost of birth control pills was never mentioned once at the meetings where these things were discussed."

Professor Michael Rawlins, of Newcastle University's department of pharmacology, who is chairman of the CSM, said: "Somebody does not understand the terms of reference in which the law requires us to act. We are specifically required to consider only quality, safety and efficacy. We never, ever, on any consideration, ever take into account cost."

Times letter by escaper stirs jail row

BY RICHARD FORD HOME CORRESPONDENT

ONE of the three dangerous men who escaped from Parkhurst jail accuses "back-stabbing" staff in the prison service of incompetence and not caring about their work.

In a letter to *The Times* today from his top-security prison, Matthew Williams says the prison service culture is dominated by avoiding blame for escapes, suicides, and poor education. "As long as the papers don't get hold of it, it is acceptable", Williams, 26, from Birkenhead, says.

His letter appears as a former Tory prisons minister accused Michael Howard of making a "superficial judgment" on the Learmont report and being wrong to dismiss Derek Lewis as Prison Service Director-General. Mr Lewis widened his onslaught against the Home Secretary by warning that the prison population in England and Wales could double to

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Kingsley Amis dies after fall on stairs

BY LIN JENKINS AND HELEN JOHNSTONE

SIR KINGSLEY AMIS, the irascible grand old man of English letters, died yesterday in St Pancras Hospital, London. He was 73.

He had been readmitted to hospital within weeks of being discharged from University College Hospital last month after crushing two vertebrae in a fall down the stairs of the house in Swansea where he spent each August with friends while his customary London haunt, the Garrick Club, was closed.

Bookshops anticipated an increase in sales and Dillons in central London was prompt to mark his death, changing its window display to include the gamut of his works from the first, *Lucky Jim*, to the last, *The Biographer's Moustache*, published in August.

Tributes to the author, who won the Booker Prize for *The Old Devils* in 1986, covered as broad a range of opinion in his death as they had in his life. Some recalled him as a comic genius, others as one of the few great prose stylists to have emerged since the war; others as a bad tempered misogynist.

Sir Peregrine Worsthorne, the former editor of *The Sunday Telegraph*, who crossed swords with Sir Kingsley on several memorable occasions, said: "I am afraid he will be remembered more for his hate than his love, and more as a bit of a monster than as a great writer. The

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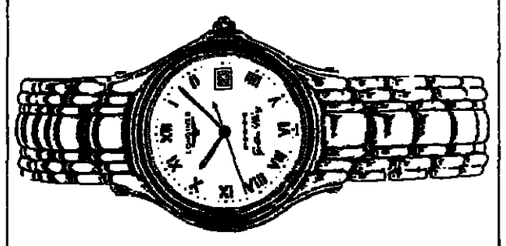


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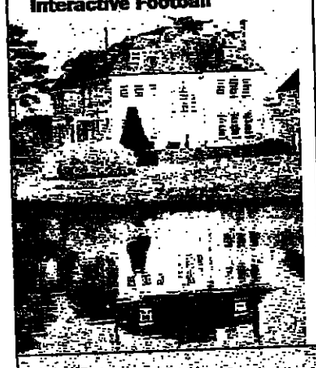
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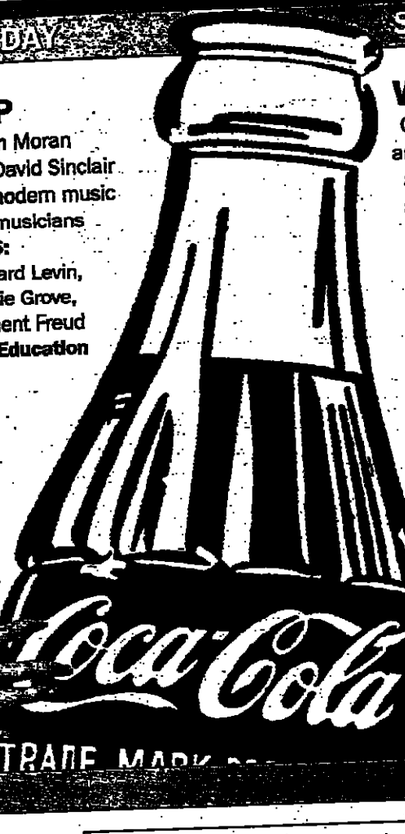
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Britain leads move to curb Euro Court

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

BRITAIN will today publish far-reaching proposals to stop the European Court of Justice making judgments costing billions of pounds.

Days after the court infuriated ministers by forcing Britain to change its laws on prescription charges, David Davis, the Minister for Europe, will present a paper to a European Union meeting in Brussels, demanding reduced legal influence over laws of member states. Britain wants to limit the court's power to force member states to pay retrospective damages. Ministers reacted angrily last week when the court forced Britain to allow men to receive free prescriptions at the same age as women. The ruling threatened to cost up to £500million if the Government had to reimburse all men between 60 and 64. Ministers won a reprieve, limiting the pay-back period to only three months, in line with UK health legislation.

Although officials insist that the prescription judgment will not be mentioned in Mr Davis' submission, the court's latest decision has re-ignited Eurosceptic anger over its powers to alter domestic laws.

Mr Davis will also call for EU colleagues to support proposals challenging the court's right to impose fines on countries failing to obey European directives, and he will press for greater leniency when a member state has failed inadvertently to follow a directive. A Foreign Office official said: "There should be some allowance for governments who implement a law in good faith."

European Court fines of £2billion and £1.4billion imposed on Italy and Spain respectively for breaking milk quota rules have shocked member states.

Britain will also press for the setting up of a statute of limitation to restrict the court's decision to recent transgressions, rather than being able to call governments to account for failings of more than a decade ago.

Mr Davis will deliver his paper to the two-day meeting of the so-called "reflection group" of EU representatives, who will draft suggested areas for discussion at next year's intergovernmental conference on Europe's future.

The Netherlands, Germany and Portugal are understood to be among those likely to back Britain. Eurosceptics claim the court's decisions have cost British taxpayers up to £2 billion in recent years.

Walters v Clarke is first of high-profile clashes

Goldsmith offers £20m for anti-Europe election fight

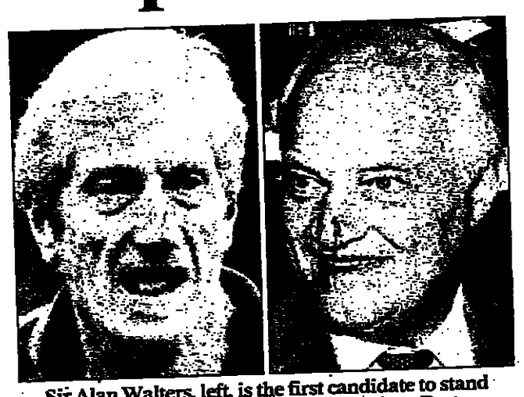
BY ALICE THOMSON
POLITICAL REPORTER

THE Euro-sceptic financier Sir James Goldsmith is prepared to spend at least £20 million on fighting the Government at the next general election and has enlisted a series of celebrities to stand against Tory MPs for his Referendum Party.

Sir Alan Walters, Baroness Thatcher's former economics adviser, was the first high-profile name to announce that he would be standing for the party, which is demanding a referendum on constitutional changes caused by European integration. Sir Alan, who played a leading part in the resignation of Nigel Lawson six years ago, is preparing to take on another Chancellor by standing against Kenneth Clarke in his Rushcliffe constituency in Nottinghamshire.

Sir James, who has an estimated wealth of £700 million, and spends most of his time in France, is also prepared to stand in a high-profile constituency, such as Huntingdon, the seat of the Prime Minister.

Yesterday Sir James, who is an MEP in France, made it clear that his challenge was serious and that he would match the other political parties pound for pound in a general election. He will need to underwrite the £500 deposit and campaigning costs of candidates and employ staff at the party's offices in Buckingham Gate, central London.



Sir Alan Walters, left, is the first candidate to stand for Sir James Goldsmith's Referendum Party

He is convinced that, with names likes Sir Alan's, he will have a serious impact. "There are 14 Tory seats where the majority is less than 1.3 per cent and we could tip the balance," a spokesman said.

Sir Alan became an adviser in 1970 to Sir Edward Heath before resigning over what he believed to be lax monetary policy. He later joined Lady Thatcher's team and it was his interference in European financial policy that helped to cause the resignation of Lord Lawson of Blaby. He now aims to "open a few seams" over Mr Clarke's policy on Europe. The Chancellor favours a single European currency and is opposed to a referendum on Europe.

Conservative Central Office is increasingly worried about the threat. "Just a 1 per cent swing could make a difference in marginal constituencies," a staff member said. "They will be taking away our votes and we have enough problem with Labour without this as well."

Jerry Hayes, MP for Harlow, is one Tory whose seat could be affected. He said: "All that will happen is that these right-wing lunatic Eurosceptics will lose our vote and let a group of equally lunatic left-wingers in who are far more pro-European than us. It doesn't make sense."

However, Mr Clarke, who has a majority of 19,766, shrugged off the move yesterday morning. Speaking on the BBC's *Breakfast with Frost*, he said he thought it was bizarre for a millionaire who lived in Paris and Mexico to be interfering in British politics. He added that it might bring "some of these right-wing gurus like Sir Alan Walters a little nearer to the real world".

Mr Clarke also rejected pressure yesterday for the Conservative Party to move further to the right. He said that the battle at the next election would be fought over hard-centre Tory policies and the soft-centre Labour proposals. "Free-market economics, social reform — that is the Conservative centre and that is the ground which I believe we should occupy."

His comments came on the eve of a campaign by right-wingers to oust senior figures from the executive of the 1922 Committee. Sir George Gardiner, chairman of the right-wing 92 Group, has written to all group members making clear that it is time for sweeping changes to the executive, which channels backbench opinion to ministers. At least eight of the 18 members of the executive have announced that they will step down as MPs at the next election.

Trimble says Spring has gone soft on IRA

David Trimble will use his meeting with Dick Spring today, the first since his election as Ulster Unionist leader, to accuse Ireland's Deputy Prime Minister of softening his position on the decommissioning of IRA arms. Amid fears among Ulster Unionists that Britain is preparing to follow Dublin, Mr Trimble said he would spell out his party's anger to Mr Spring when they meet in Belfast.

Mr Trimble claimed that in 1993 Mr Spring said the IRA would have to lay down its arms to prove the permanence of a ceasefire, while recently he had attacked Britain for making decommissioning a precondition to all-party talks.

Nationalists reacted angrily to news yesterday that The Parachute Regiment, which has been involved in some of the most contentious incidents during the Troubles, is scheduled to return to the Province next year.

Youth held over killing

A youth of 17 was being questioned yesterday after the bound and gagged body of a man was found in a Leicestershire wood. John Dawson, 56, a quantity surveyor was found in John Lee's Wood, a popular tourist spot in Markfield. Mr Dawson, who was married with three daughters, had been missing from his home in Carlton, Nottingham, since last Wednesday. A post mortem examination showed that he had been strangled and had probably been dead for three days.

Heads' bonuses attacked

Head teachers were accused yesterday of "having their snouts in the trough" after it was disclosed that one in three had received merit payments compared with fewer than 1 per cent of classroom teachers. Nigel De Gruchy, general secretary of the NASUWT union, told a Labour Party education conference that discretionary pay awards were "bordering on corruption" and should be scrapped. Extra pay was awarded to 32 per cent of head teachers and 29 per cent of deputies in 1993-94 but only 0.3 per cent of teachers.

Pilot critical after crash

A pilot was in a critical condition last night after his home-made aircraft crashed shortly after take-off. Pete Tanulak, from Myddle, Shropshire, suffered severe head and leg injuries when his single-seater kit plane came down near Weston Lullingfields, Shropshire. Mr Tanulak, a single man who is in his 30s and belongs to a local flying club, was trapped in the wreckage for 30 minutes before firecrews cut him free. A spokesman for West Mercia police said it was not yet clear why the aircraft had crashed.

Woman pulled from car

An 18-year-old woman was dragged from a car at traffic lights and subjected to a two-hour sex ordeal early yesterday. Police said the woman had earlier been pestered by three men at a party in Wembley, north London, and when she left with two male friends the men followed in their car. She was dragged from the car in Harlesden, and taken to a house in Wembley where she was assaulted. One of the men then drove her to a service station where she was dropped off.

Councils face losing schools

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pupils per teacher compared with 26.3 in GM schools.

While some will see the exam results as proof that opted-out schools are performing better, the report points out that local authority schools have twice as many children with special educational needs and more poorer children — which will fuel fears that GM schools are selecting brighter, better-off pupils.

Mark Oakes of the Association of County Councils said yesterday that making all schools self-governing would inevitably raise questions about the future of other local services.

"Education is the biggest local authority budget and the face of local government would have to change quite radically if all schools became grant-maintained. The question would be 'why bother with local government for all the other services?"

But Sir Robert Balchin, chairman of the Grant-Maintained Schools Foundation, saw simple self-interest in authorities wanting to preserve their status. "A lot of local education authority jobs would be lost and that is what it is all about. We are talking about a choice between local authority bureaucrats and the children's education."

Escaper's letter fuels jail row

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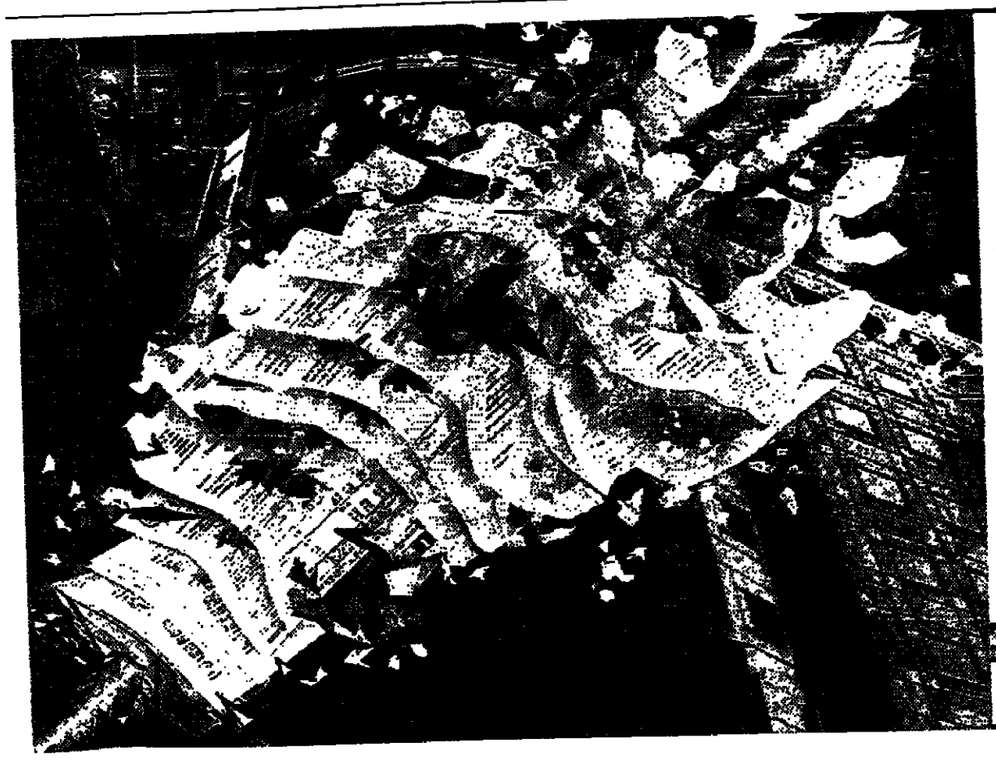
100,000 if Mr Howard's proposals for tougher sentences are implemented. The prison bill would rise from £1.6 billion a year to an estimated £3.1 billion year, he said.

Williams, a Category A prisoner who was ordered to be detained for life after admitting 11 charges, including arson and conspiracy to cause explosions, wrote his letter from his cell in Frankland prison near Durham. His escape from Parkhurst triggered the report which led to the sacking of Mr Lewis.

The fact that Williams has been able to write to *The Times* is likely to anger Home Office ministers. As a prisoner with an escape record, his mail should be read by prison staff.

Sir Peter Lloyd, the former prisons minister, became the first Conservative MP to criticise Mr Howard for sacking Mr Lewis. Sir Peter, MP for Fareham, said: "I do think the Home Secretary should have backed him, not sacked him. I think the Home Secretary thought that action needed to be taken. He took a superficial judgment on the report and it was a judgment I think was mistaken."

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Irascible Amis made many enemies but false culture was his true target

Bibulous neurotic who battled with the Establishment

By Derwent May

KINGSLEY AMIS will be remembered as one of the funniest and most provocative of post-war British novelists. He achieved instant fame and popularity in 1954 at the age of 32 with his novel *Lucky Jim*, but the book also made him many enemies since it was taken to be an attack on English culture.

But Amis always claimed that all he had wanted to do was write a comedy, and in fact his later books shows him to be a pugnacious defender of good fiction and poetry. False culture was his true target.

Amis was born in south London in 1922. His father was a clerk with Colman's mustard. Amis was inordinately proud of his lower middle-class roots and was upset when his City of London school was evacuated to Marlborough in 1939.

He served in the Royal Signals during the war and after that his Oxford years were embittered by his suspicion that real culture belonged to a social elite from which he was excluded.

For this belief, Amis and some of his contemporaries publicly attacked "filthy" Jane Austen, "stupid" Robert Browning and "shrieking" Charles Dickens. His social grudges intensified as a junior lecturer at Swansea and even after his fellowship at Peterhouse, Cambridge, in



Amis in 1968: quick to denounce others

1961 he always felt awkward among the highbrow dons. Amis retaliated with what was described as "drunken boorishness". Once he turned up at a formal reception in drag, an act fuelling suspicion, which he fervently denied, that he was homosexual.

He developed from a clamorous communist undergraduate, across the spectrum to become a growling Tory die-hard, or as one commentator put it from being an angry young soak to an angry old soak. He was never slow to denounce others as fools and bores and his resentment of almost anyone in authority remained unchanged throughout his life.

But behind all that there lay a tremulous neurotic who, in adolescence was subject to inexplicable fits of terror. Even as an adult he could not bear to be left alone at night, travel alone in a train or fly in an aircraft. He suffered from hallucinations and uncontrollable twitchings and undertook psychiatric treatment, seemingly to little avail. However, he possessed a prodigious appetite for work, always fiercely determined to produce his daily 500 words once he sat down at a typewriter.

When his eighteenth novel, *The Old Devils*, won the Booker Prize in 1986, Amis characteristically went to the prize-winning dinner in a black tie and brown brogues, but one of the most memorable literary photographs ever taken shows his eyes popping out of his head with astonishment and delight at the moment he was announced as winner.

In recent years he cultivated a public persona as an aggressive and bibulous man of letters. He would compose scabrous limericks with his friends in the Garrick Club, but sitting in his large chair in the bar there he was always ready to talk, and talk very well, about poetry. In the gobbling turkey he latterly pretended to be, there was always a skylark still signalling to be let out.

Tributes to 'true comic writer'

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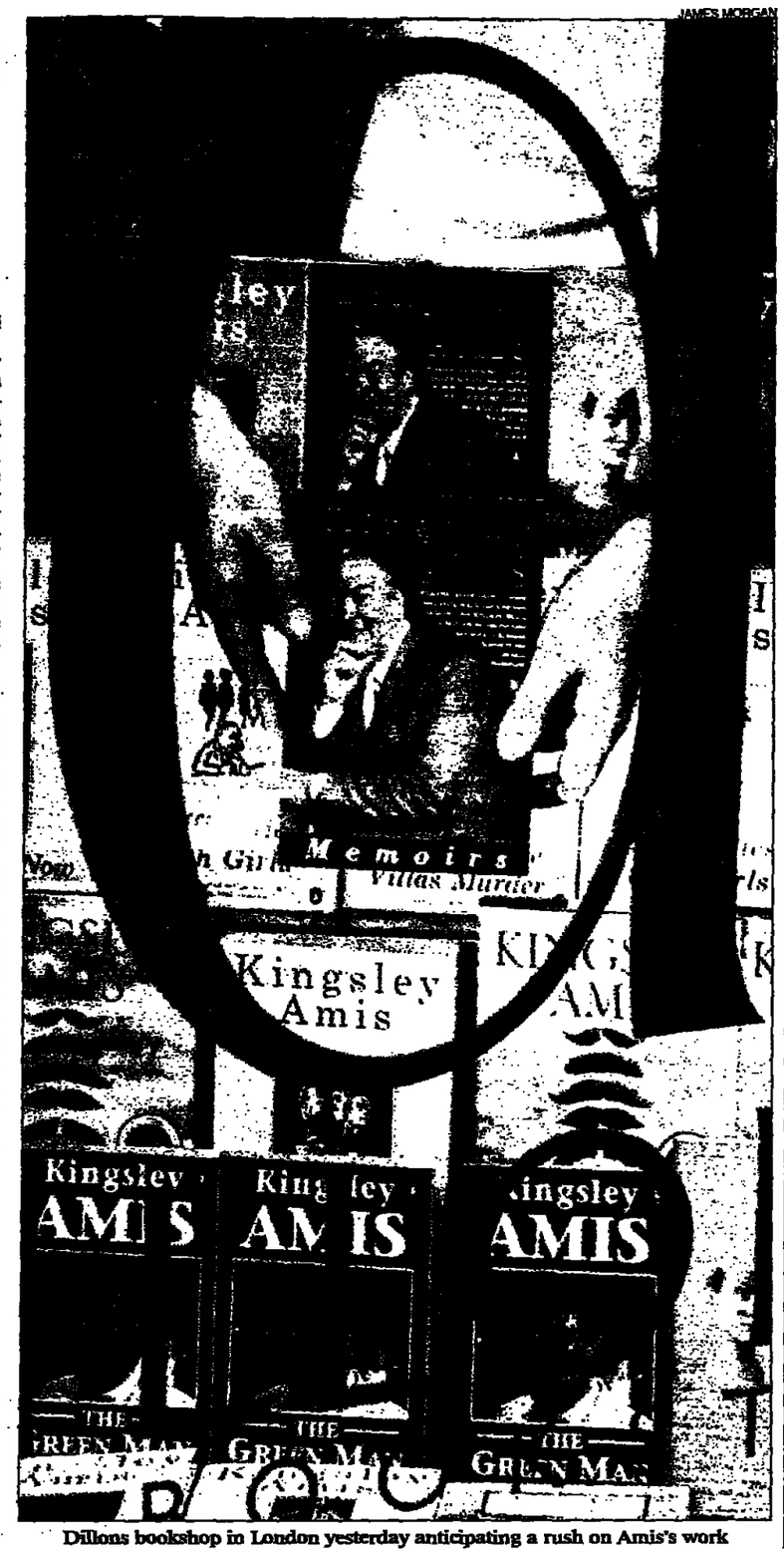
personality of the angry old man came to overshadow the work of the angry young man and in the end totally eclipsed it. Unlucky Jim should be his epitaph."

John Mortimer, the playwright, disagreed. "He was a genuine comic writer, probably the best after P. G. Wodehouse. In the 1950s Kingsley and John Osborne changed the whole world's attitude to writing. He had a lasting influence and was a very good novelist."

He last saw Amis a few weeks ago at the Garrick Club when he was "doing his usual act of being a crusty and grumpy gentleman. But he was always very nice to me."

Keith Waterhouse awarded him "a very high place" in literary history. "I don't think there will be another Kingsley. He was a great storyteller, although he was much more than a storyteller," Auberon Waugh, editor of *The Literary Review*, said: "There is nobody like him left from that generation. He did not give a damn what other people thought about him and he said what he thought. He turned out good novels which people liked reading, with intricate characterisation and a good plot. He was a big man in a small world of self-regarding people."

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Dillons bookshop in London yesterday anticipating a rush on Amis's work

Drugs in the frame as art detectives join Flying Squad

By Dalya Alberge, Arts Correspondent

SCOTLAND YARD'S Art and Antiques Squad is being merged with the Flying Squad from next January after an increasing link between art theft and activities such as drugs and terrorism.

Drug barons are creating a demand for stolen works to "launder" funds because art can be traded abroad easily.

Detective Chief Inspector Charles Hill, head of the Art Squad, said there had been a drugs connection in all the significant high-profile cases investigated by the squad in recent years. He mentioned works by Rubens and Vermeer stolen from the Co Wicklow home of Sir Alfred Beit, the late Irish arts patron, and Munch's *Scream* taken from the National Gallery in Oslo.

He also believes drugs were behind the theft of Titian's *Rest On the Flight to Egypt* from Longleat, Wiltshire, earlier this year, and Jean Baptiste Oudry's *White Duck* stolen in 1993 from the Marquess of Cholmondeley in Norfolk. Each of these paintings is valued at £5 million and remains on the police's most-wanted lists.

Philip Saunders, of *Trace*, the monthly magazine that liaises with police and art world in tracing stolen works, praised the work of the Art Squad and expressed concern about it being "swallowed up". But he added: "If this increases their scope, then all well and good."

News about the squad has come as preparations are under way for an important conference on art theft on November 14 and 15. International representatives from the police, insurance companies and governments will hear of the use of art to launder money, rewards and ransoms, and the latest technology.

Art crime has entered the big league of international crime: art worth an estimated £3 billion is stolen each year with a recovery rate of 3.5 per cent. Its image as a gentleman's crime is outdated as violence is increasingly common. In 1990 a Lincoln's Inn doorman was beaten unconscious when two Gainsboroughs and a Reynolds were removed.

The rise in values on the legitimate market — in 1958 the record price for a Van Gogh was £120,000 and by 1990 it had increased to £50 million — has created a valuable commodity in money-laundering deals.

Mr Hill said the Art Squad has been "fully stretched" with up to only ten people working with it at any one time. The merger would make a "significant improvement" to their resources.

The squad's current investigations include liaising with German police over two Turner paintings, insured for £10 million each, stolen last year from a Frankfurt museum where they were on loan from the Tate Gallery in London.

Organisers of next month's conference at the Hyatt Carlton Tower Hotel include the Art Loss Register, an international database of stolen art and antiques that claims to have been directly responsible for recovering £17 million of art in its 4½ years.

James Emsom, the Register's managing director, said: "The Art Squad leads the crusade. The rest of us must share information as freely and quickly as possible."

Art crimes are usually less opportunistic than other crimes. Some criminals take evening classes in their specialist area; others subscribe to *Trace* to discover which items are too hot to handle.

They also have a detailed knowledge of international law, to help them to take stolen works abroad.

BBC tries to lure foreign audiences with lavish new version of Ivanhoe

By Alexandra Frean
Media Correspondent

IVANHOE, Sir Walter Scott's swashbuckling novel set in medieval England among the knights of the crusades, is to be turned into a lavish six-part costume drama by the BBC as part of the BBC's revival of the classics.

The BBC is also making a three-part series of *The Tenants of Wildfell Hall*, a tale of marital betrayal that caused a scandal when published in 1848. Juliet Grim, the BBC's director of co-productions and business development, said the dramas were being created to boost ratings and increase revenue through sales to overseas broadcasters.

"This is the era of the costume drama. There is a real demand for quality productions of this nature around the world and it is something the BBC has always been brilliant at," she said. *Ivanhoe* has provided inspiration for film and television producers on at least four previous occasions. MGM's 1952 Hollywood production starring Robert Taylor, Joan Fontaine and Elizabeth Taylor, was



The 1952 version of *Ivanhoe* with Elizabeth Taylor and Robert Taylor was one of the hits of the year

one of the hits of the year. Roger Moore made his British television debut in a 39-part adaptation for ITV. A BBC serialisation in ten parts was screened in 1970. In 1982 Anthony Andrews took the lead role in a television film on ITV.

The latest version follows a revival of the genre on the BBC in the past two years with adaptations of George Eliot's *Middlemarch*, Dickens's *Martin Chuzzlewit* and Jane Austen's *Persuasion*. The BBC's most recent adaptation, *Pride and Prejudice*, has attained the highest ever ratings for a BBC classic adaptation with audiences of more than 11 million. The six-part series, co-produced with the American Arts & Entertainment network, has been sold to eight overseas broadcasters, generating more than £500,000 for the BBC.

Ms Grim said that co-productions of this type, in which the costs were split with an overseas broadcaster or production house, enabled the BBC to embark on projects it could not otherwise afford.

"With restricted budgets around the world it is getting increasingly difficult to make top quality classic drama because it costs £1 million an hour. For any public service broadcaster that is very difficult to raise without co-production money," she said.

In the past five years the corporation has raised about £30 million of co-production finance a year. This year it has raised nearly £40 million, she added.

Ivanhoe, which has been adapted by Deborah Cook and produced by Jeremy Gwilt, who both worked on the successful series *The House of Eliott*, is to be a co-production with Arts & Entertainment. It is due for screening on British television in 1997. The BBC is looking for a co-producer for *The Tenant of Wildfell Hall*, which is to be dramatised by David Noaks, whose credits include the BBC's 1991 costume drama *Clarissa*.

Leeson could earn £3m from film

By Kathryn Knight

NICK LEESON could earn up to £3 million from a Hollywood film starring Hugh Grant about the collapse of Barings Bank, Sir David Frost confirmed yesterday.

Sir David, who would produce the film, said that arrangements were at an early stage but the British actor had expressed an interest in the role of the trader blamed for the bank's £860 million collapse. Grant would stand to make more than £3 million for playing Leeson.

Mr Leeson, who is also expected to receive a £450,000 advance on his autobiography, is currently fighting extradition to Singapore where he could face up to 14 years' imprisonment. Sir David, who interviewed him in prison in Frankfurt last month, said he had contacted Mr Grant's agent last week. "It is all very



Hugh Grant, left, may play Nick Leeson in a "morality tale" about the collapse of Barings Bank

premature. I do have an option for the film which we arranged last week and Hugh Grant has expressed an interest. But for every one film that is made there are 100 options on films."

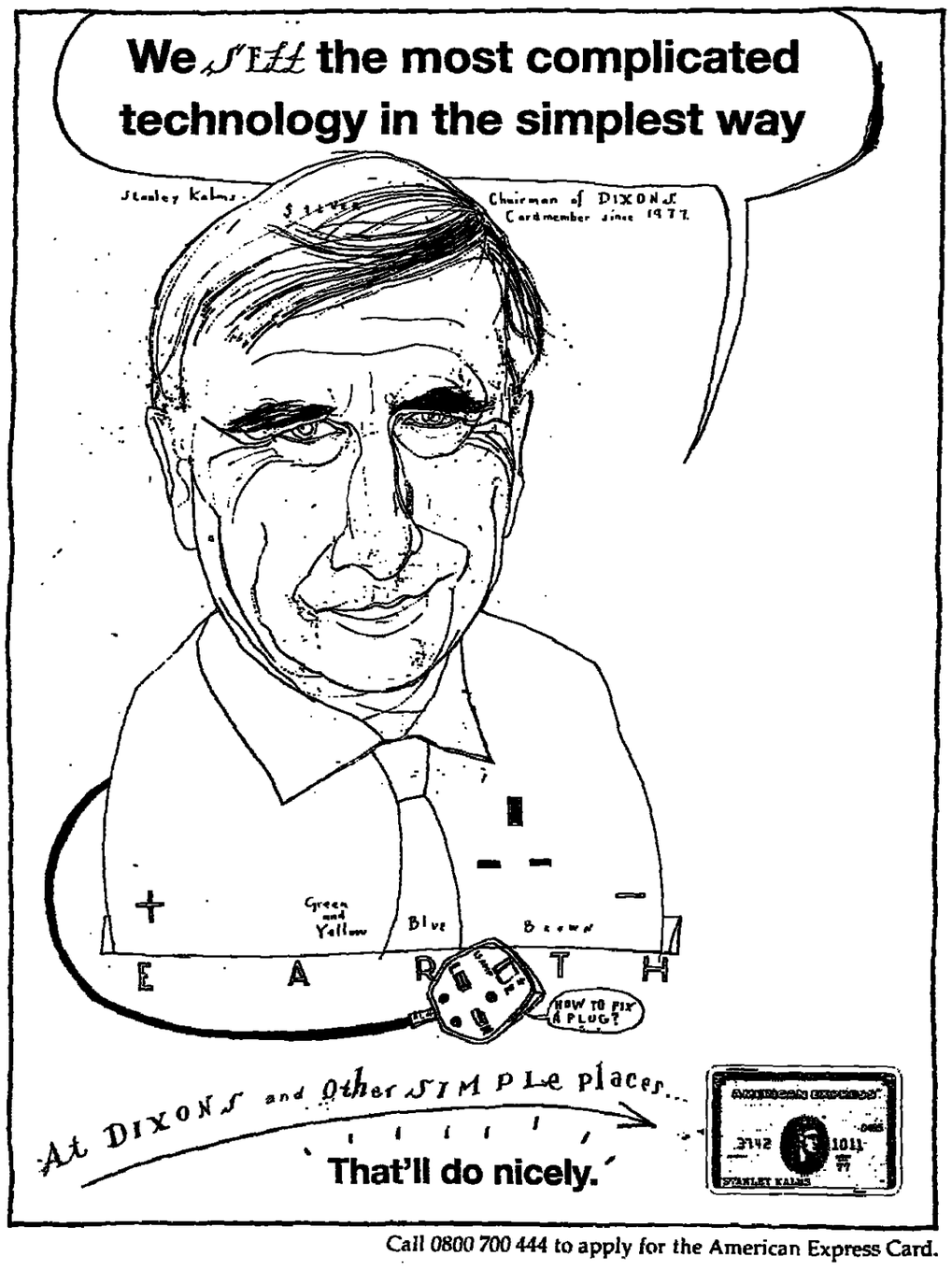
He said he had approached Grant, currently appearing in the comedy *Nine Months*, because it would be an interesting change of direction for the British actor. "I thought it was a part he would do supremely well and he would relish switching from upper class roles to working class roles because he is very versatile." Mr Leeson is said to be delighted at the possible casting of Hugh Grant.

Several actresses are reported to be in the running for the role of Mr Leeson's wife, Lisa, who works in a tearoom to help to fund weekly flights to visit her husband.

Miranda Richardson, Jennifer Ehle, Helena Bonham-Carter and Niamh Cusack are all under consideration.

Sir David told *The Mail on Sunday* that the film would be "a modern morality tale" with "flashes of comedy".

☐ James Bax, a senior Barings executive, has paid more than £400,000 for a Victorian mansion in the Scottish Highlands. Mr Bax was criticised by investigators last week for covering up a £50 million discrepancy in an account in January and has surrendered his passport to Singaporean authorities during their investigation.



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Birds, plants and insects receive second burst of life as Indian summer continues

Autumnal warmth melts the hearts of mating penguins

BY KATHRYN KNIGHT

THE Indian summer is forecast to continue until the end of the month, confusing animals and plants and putting October on course to be the warmest since records began in 1659.

The weather has left vegetable gardens blooming with summer produce, lured birds and butterflies from hibernation and brought increased fertility among animals and birds. A spokesman at the London Weather Centre said that October had been abnormally dry so far and that London's average daily temperature of 16.3C was four degrees above normal. "Although we are only two thirds through the month, it is certainly panning out to be the warmest we know of."

The previous warmest was in 1969, with an average temperature of 15.3C. Summer resorts are seeing a booming trade, even after the clocks have gone back, and Peter Bradley, of Kew Gardens, said his vegetable patch looked like a summer garden.

"I am still picking tomatoes and peppers from my garden and they are simply reflowering and growing back. It is very unusual," he said, adding that Kew was a riot of colour as the autumn colours combined with still-flowering summer plants such as begonias.

The warmth has also caused a population explosion among Britain's penguins. Officials at Merley Bird Gardens, in Wimborne, Dorset, are being forced to send 25 of their penguins to be rehoused in Scotland. They have run out of room after many of the confused birds laid two clutches of eggs instead of one. Alan Martin, the gardens manager, said: "The weather has been so mild over the last couple of winters that they seem to have slipped out of their normal cycle.

"The normal nesting time is early spring but I've already seen some walking around with bits of straw in their beaks, which is a sure sign that they are planning to build nests." Moorhens at Kew Gardens have also rasied a second batch of young this year.

Richard Millington, of the Bird Information Service, said that housemartins had delayed their journeys south and were still feeding young in parts of Norfolk. "It's phenonomal. The warm westerly winds are also bringing in American passerites — small perching birds which are very rare in Britain. A veery bird has visited Britain for only the third time in the Western Isles and Mediterranean species are enjoying our climate even though it is late in the year."

Insects were prolific, and butterflies were bemused, Patrick Roper, of Butterfly Conservation, said. Red admirals were still plentiful and many peacock butterflies, which went into hibernation at the end of August, had re-emerged thinking it was spring.

"After a cool September, the warm October has deceived them and their hibernation cycle has been broken," Mr Roper said. "The problems come if they cannot stock up on food and are not ready when the winter comes." The mild autumn has also encouraged bigger species of spider to survive and mate. The male house spiders Tegeneria, some as big as a palm's length, are thriving.

Rainfall for September was above average, although many places, including Yorkshire, still have drought restrictions. Low rainfall this month offers no immediate prospect of relief.

Temperatures are forecast to average 15C and 16C on Monday and Tuesday, with a slight dip on Wednesday and warmer weather again by the end of the week. Scattered showers across the country will soon die out.

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Penguins in Wimborne, Dorset, laid a second clutch of eggs and must be rehoused to prevent overcrowding

Scientists challenge safety of nuclear waste tip

BY NIGEL WILLIAMSON
WHITEHALL CORRESPONDENT

A PUBLIC inquiry will hear scientific analysis this week casting doubt on the long-term safety of plans to build an underground nuclear waste dump at Sellafield in Cumbria.

When the inquiry reopens tomorrow, Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Pollution is due to give evidence which will suggest that the risk of plutonium leaking into the water supply has been underestimated. Campaigners say that in 30,000 years this could have grown to levels which constitute a lethal dose in drinking water. The claim is disputed by UK Nirex, the nuclear industry's waste disposal company.

UK Nirex had hoped to build an underground nuclear waste depository within a decade. After a long and frustrating search for a suitable site, it eventually settled on Sellafield in 1990, but scientific problems have delayed progress.

Last week, the pollution inspectorate, which will make the decision whether to licence the site, released its own independent risk assessment reports to Friends of the Earth, the environment campaign group. The reports show that the inspectorate believes there could be fundamental flaws in geo-chemical assumptions made by Nirex.

A spokesman for Friends of the Earth said: "They assume plutonium cannot dissolve and so stays safely in the repository. But plutonium can form complexes with other substances which increase its solubility." This would mean that, potentially, plutonium from the underground store could be transported by underground water and find its way into the drinking water supply.

"This is a whole area of chemistry which Nirex has ignored," Friends of the Earth said. "They have made some very simple assumptions which bear no relation to a very complex reality. These reports show that at least another five or six years research are needed. The group believes that the new evidence will scare off the City and jeopardise nuclear industry privatisation plans.

A spokesman for Nirex said: "We believe these findings have been deliberately slanted to produce an unrealistic case." Nirex will begin giving evidence to the inquiry on Wednesday. The company proposes to build an underground laboratory to test the rocks at depth as the first step in the construction of the subterranean waste dump.

Cruise ship passengers threaten to sue P&O

BY KATHRYN KNIGHT

MORE than 400 passengers from the cruise ship *Oriana* are threatening to sue P&O for compensation over claims that their cruise turned into a nightmare. During a three-week Caribbean voyage last month, they allege, the £200 million ship, the fastest built for 25 years, ran into a hurricane, narrowly missed two more and vibrated heavily and noisily whenever it increased speed.

Trips to three out of seven Caribbean islands were cancelled and frightened passengers left their rooms to sleep in the bar in rough weather. One passenger tried to board a Cunard ship while in port but was persuaded back on board, it is claimed.

The liner has been plagued by problems since its launch earlier this year. It arrived late for its naming in Southampton after a spate of technical problems and also had trouble on its maiden voyage with faults in the computer system.

Gwyn Hughes, managing director for P&O cruises, said: "The ship behaved admirably in hurricane conditions. The speed at which it operates does not affect the passengers or their enjoyment."

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Detectives search for bloody clothing and weapon that inflicted 'horrific' head injuries

Murdered stable girl lived in fear of stalker, say police

BY MICHAEL HORSNELL

A STABLE girl battered to death at the Devon headquarters of the National Hunt trainer Richard Frost had been living in fear of a stalker for several weeks, police said yesterday.

But Jessie Hurlstone, 27, turned down the offer to move in with her employers to escape the man and stayed in her caravan in the yard where she was killed. Detectives investigating her murder described her injuries as among the worst they had seen as they hunted for bloody clothing worn by her attacker and the blunt instrument used to kill her.

A man of 38 was being questioned yesterday as Miss Hurlstone's family mourned the "horse mad" young woman at their home in Romford, east London. Miss Hurlstone, the daughter of Caroline Hurlstone, Liberal Democrat leader of the council at the London borough of Havering, had been due to



Richard Frost, left, who runs the Buckfastleigh stables

welcome her family to the West Country for Christmas. Her stepfather, Terry Hurlstone, 56, a retired teacher, said: "We simply cannot believe this has happened. Jessie was a lovely, popular, happy and attractive girl. Horses were her life."

When she failed to arrive for work on Saturday she was found by another stable girl sent to look for her at 7.20am in the caravan where she lived with her mongrel, Dennis, and four cats at Hawson stables near Buckfastleigh. Glynne Frost, wife of the trainer and mother of the Grand National winning jockey Jimmy Frost, said Miss Hurlstone had been worried about being followed on Friday, hours before she was found dead.

Mrs Frost suggested that she sleep in the house that night but Miss Hurlstone preferred to return to her caravan if someone walked with her. At 11pm, after she returned alone from the White Hart pub in Buckfastleigh, Mr Frost walked her back. She told him: "Once I am in and have locked the door I will be all right." Mrs Frost added: "I think the stalking had been going on seriously for two or three weeks."

Detective Superintendent Steve Pearce, leading the murder inquiry, said Miss Hurlstone had died from "horrific" head injuries. It is not thought that she had been sexually assaulted. He said: "We are checking various lines of inquiry including one that she was being stalked. We are interviewing as many of her friends as possible and are interested in any relationships she may have had.

"We are appealing to anyone who may have seen her or spoken to her after she left the pub until she was found. It was an horrific scene, a terrible attack, and frightful for the girl who went to rouse her." Detectives were investigating a domestic incident said to involve a man obsessed with Miss Hurlstone at the stables last Wednesday. About 50 officers searched the yard for the murder weapon and bloodied clothing.



Jessie Hurlstone at Exeter races. Her stepfather said "horses were her life"

Miss Hurlstone, who had three brothers and a sister, went to school in Romford before taking a horse management course at Redbridge College of Further Education. She moved to the West Country eight years ago.

Ian Cox, landlord of the White Hart, said Miss Hurlstone had been a Friday night regular for the past few weeks. People in the pub were "stunned" at her death.

☐ The Frost stable withdrew two horses from races at Wincanton yesterday as a mark of respect.

Man falls to death at Blackpool Tower

BY TIM JONES

A MAN jumped more than 350ft to his death from Blackpool Tower as his wife and two children made their way down from the highest viewing platform. Onlookers watched in horror as he fell on to the roof of the entertainment complex below on Saturday.

Police said the man was on his way down when he said he had mislaid his wallet and wanted to go back to look for it. The wallet was understood to have been found later in his jacket pocket.

Police said there were no suspicious circumstances and confirmed that it would have been almost impossible to fall from the viewing platform without making a determined effort to get past safety barriers. The man, from Swindon, Wiltshire, was filmed by security cameras during the incident.

A spokesman for the attraction said the viewing area was enclosed. "He must have climbed out at a higher level. He could not have got there by accident."

Mountain Prince welcomes press into royal retreat

BY A STAFF REPORTER

PRINCE CHARLES invited journalists to a private function at Balmoral for the first time yesterday, to hear him praise the work of Scotland's mountain rescue teams.

Access to the royal holiday retreat is usually tightly restricted. Even when the estate grounds are open to the public, only one door is open into the grand ballroom.

Yesterday nearly 200 guests were allowed into the ballroom through a side entrance, revealing private rooms including the pine-decorated office of the Queen's equerry, which features maps of the 50,000-acre estate and drawings of members of the Royal Family.

The tartan-covered hallway leading to the ballroom is lined with royal portraits, antiques and furniture. The ballroom, where the Royal Family holds ceilidhs and family parties during the summer holidays, is decorated on each wall with deer antlers, and there are drawings below balconies at each end.

A Buckingham Palace spokeswoman said: "The Prince asked for the press to be allowed in so he could say thank you for the outstanding work the mountain rescue teams do each year. Although he does not have any specific links with mountain rescue, he wanted to give them his personal support."

The Prince, dressed in jacket and kilt, spent more than an hour chatting to guests as he heard tales from representatives of Scotland's 24 mountain rescue teams. Balmoral borders Lochnagar, one of the Prince's favourite retreats but also one of the country's most dangerous mountains.

Paying tribute to the volunteers, he said: "I did just want to show how much your efforts are appreciated, for what it is worth. I am sure all of you know how many risks are taken in the hills. You must recognise there are people who go into the hills who may not have the right equipment or who have not told people where they are going." He presented the Scottish Mountain Rescue Committee with a £19,000 Land Rover Defender, donated by the Rover Group.

The Prince, who attended church at Crathie with the Queen Mother earlier yesterday, is expected to leave Balmoral in the next few days. The Queen and Duke of Edinburgh have already returned to London.

Does God throw dice in black holes?

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STEPHEN HAWKING, the legendary scientist and author of the phenomenal bestseller, *A Brief History of Time*, will make a rare public appearance at the Royal Albert Hall to deliver a lecture on Wednesday November 22 at 7.30pm.

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Tickets are available at £12, £10, or £7 for concessions from the Royal Albert Hall ticket shop (open 9am-9pm daily); by telephone with a credit card on 0171-589 8212; or by post using the coupon below (£2.50 transaction charge on all telephone and postal bookings.

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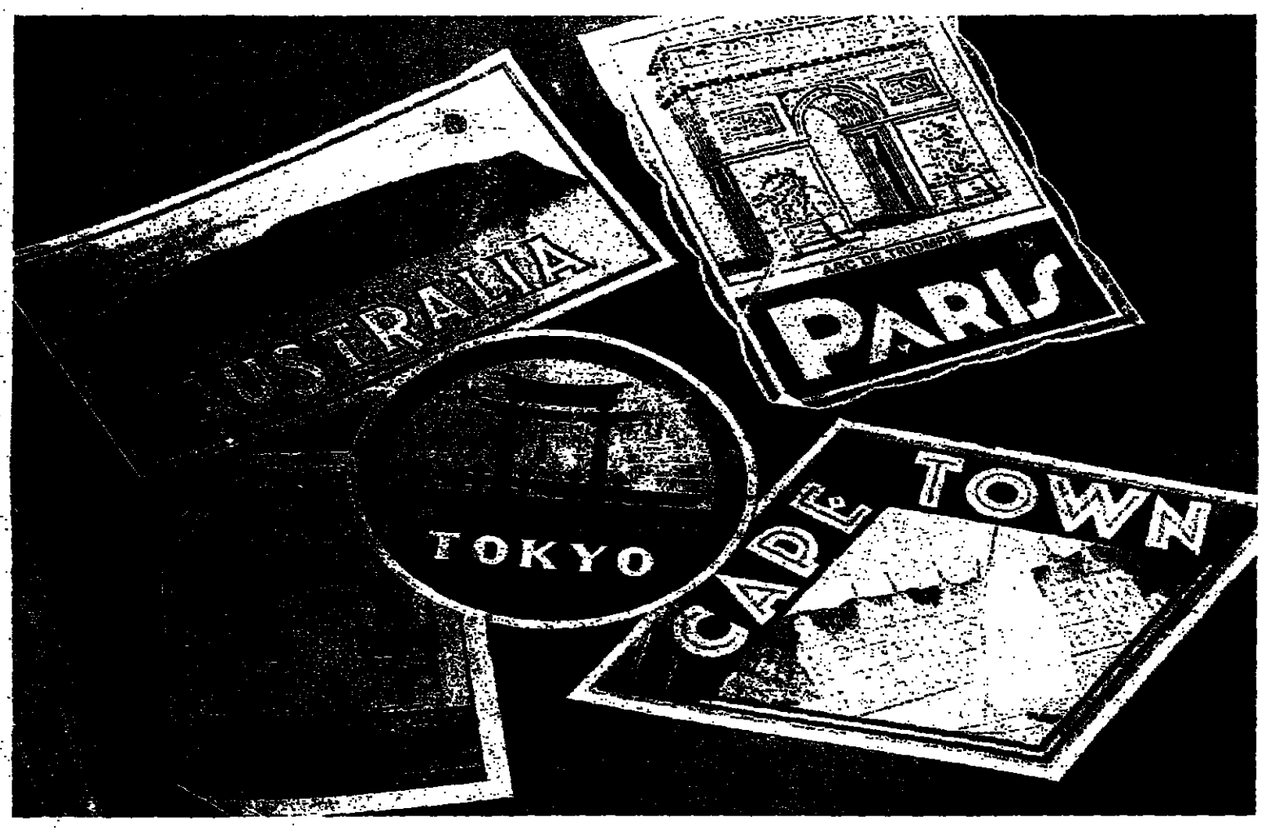
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ANDRE CAMARA



Campaigners in London yesterday, fighting for women's freedom to remarry without permission

Jewish women pull at 'chains' of marriage

MORE than 50 Jewish women gathered outside the office of the Chief Rabbi yesterday to demand a change in religious laws which can leave them "chained" to ex-husbands.

Jewish law gives men the right to withhold a religious bill of divorce, or *get*, after a marriage break-up. Without this, his ex-wife cannot remarry in an Orthodox or United synagogue, even if a court has granted her a civil divorce. Ex-wives left in this situation are known as *agunot*, or chained women.

Sandra Blackman, 56, one of the protest organisers, said: "Men can use this as a bargaining counter over money and property. We are just asking for some humanity."

The Chief Rabbi, Dr Jonathan Sacks, was away in the Far East, but the women waited for an hour in Tavistock Square, central London, to make their protest at the end of a meeting of the Board of Deputies of British Jews.

Administrative objections force a rethink

Mackay to drop plan for cap on legal aid budget

BY FRANCES GIBB, LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Lord Chancellor is to drop proposals to limit payments for criminal legal aid after opposition from the legal profession and from the Legal Aid Board.

Lord Mackay of Clashfern is drafting a White Paper on legal aid which will see the biggest overhaul of the £1.4 billion scheme since its inception in 1949. But his Green Paper proposals published in May have encountered strong opposition from legal groups and from civil libertarians.

More importantly, the Legal Aid Board, which runs the scheme and would have to implement the proposals, is expected to tell the Lord Chancellor later this month that there would be difficulties in capping criminal legal aid. The number of defendants in any one year could not be controlled and therefore a cap on the budget could leave some defendants unrepresented. However, the board believes that limits on civil legal aid could be viable.

Home Office measures can cause increases in the demand for criminal legal aid. Curbs on the right to silence have already produced a rise in demands by suspects in police stations for solicitors to be present. The civil liberties group Liberty has commissioned an opinion from Michael Beloff, QC, which says that legal aid limits could put Britain in breach of international human rights obligations.

The Legal Aid Board will suggest two possible courses to Lord Mackay. The first is an overall limit on the whole of the legal aid budget, allowing the criminal part to rise or fall with demand, at the expense of civil legal aid. Alternatively, the limit could apply only to the civil budget so that the criminal budget would remain demand-led, as now.

Under the Green Paper proposals, the entire scheme would be capped and law firms and advice agencies would work to fixed NHS-style budgets. Contracts, awarded after tender would be provided only to those that reached a quality threshold.



Mackay: wants overhaul of £1.4 billion scheme

One of the main aims is to shift the focus away from lawyers and the courts towards cheaper agencies.

The Bar has just issued its own response to the Green Paper, calling on the Government to think again. The Bar is worried about control being placed in the hands of solicitors' firms and advice agencies, which will negotiate barristers' fees. At present barristers negotiate their own legal aid fees. Peter Goldsmith, QC, Bar Council chairman, said: "The key proposals — to put an overall limit on legal aid cash and to pass the legal aid purse-strings to a selected few suppliers, will, in practice, reduce consumer choice, deny assistance to many deserving cases and provide financial incentives for the suppliers to handle cases in the cheapest possible way and to make money for themselves irrespective of the needs of the client."

Lord Mackay is also running into problems with another of the Green Paper's main proposals: the extension of legal aid to tribunals, which he wants to test in a pilot project. Some ministers have expressed opposition to this on the ground that it would increase the bill still further. But many suppporters believe that an extension could be achieved cheaply because aided cases would be more likely to win and the costs could be recouped. Research has shown that people with the benefit of lawyers or advisers at tribunals stand a much greater chance of winning.

Divorce reform proposals flawed, say solicitors

BY FRANCES GIBB

ONE in two couples seeking divorce does not want mediation, according to a survey that runs counter to the Government's plans for reform of divorce laws.

The survey, published today, found that 48 per cent of couples would not feel comfortable going through mediation with their spouse to come to an agreement over children and property, and less than a third felt their divorce could be resolved amicably through a mediator. The survey, by the 3,500-member Solicitors Family Law Association, says its findings challenge the assumptions of the Government's proposals which envisage most couples going through mediation.

Nigel Shepherd, the chairman, said: "This survey shows us that mediation will only be appropriate for a minority of people, probably about 30 to 40 per cent." The survey of 1,100 clients of solicitors in the association coincides with publication of the group's response to the Government's divorce reforms, expected in next month's Queen's Speech.

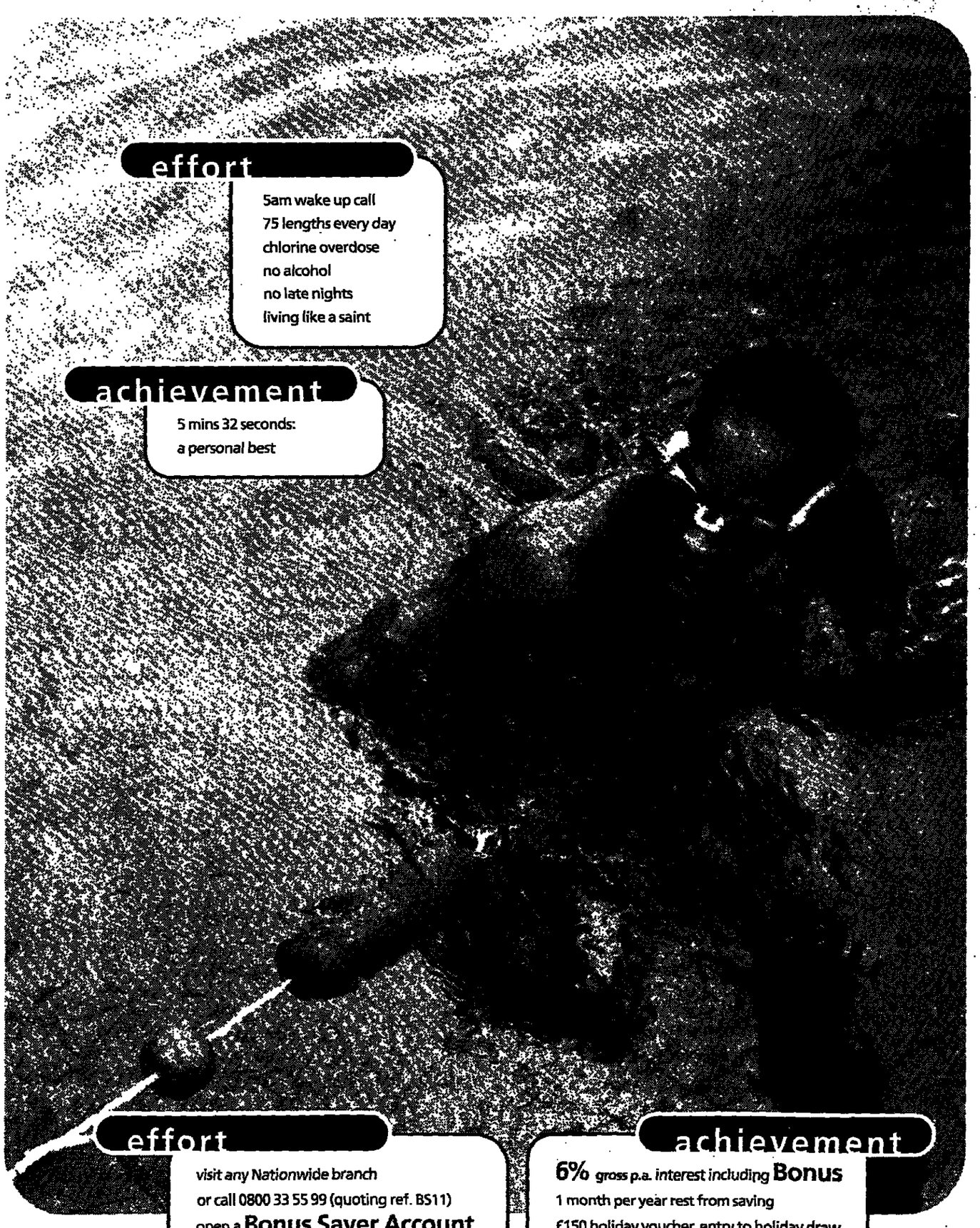
The reforms, contained in a White Paper published by the Lord Chancellor earlier this year, are aimed at reducing conflict engendered by the present adversarial system. Instead of rushing to lawyers, the Lord Chancellor wants couples to go to mediation where they are encouraged to communicate amicably and "think through the consequences of divorce before it happens".

Mediation, where trained counsellors help couples, is supported in principle by the family solicitors but they insist it must be an option and not an alternative to legal advice.

The survey found that 88 per cent of clients found it helpful to have a solicitor look after their interests in a divorce. In its response to the Lord Chancellor, the association says: "We remain concerned that vulnerable individuals might feel forced into mediation, only to be taken advantage of by the more dominant individual.

"Without access to individual independent legal advice, such situations could cause real injustice to the weaker party," it concluded.

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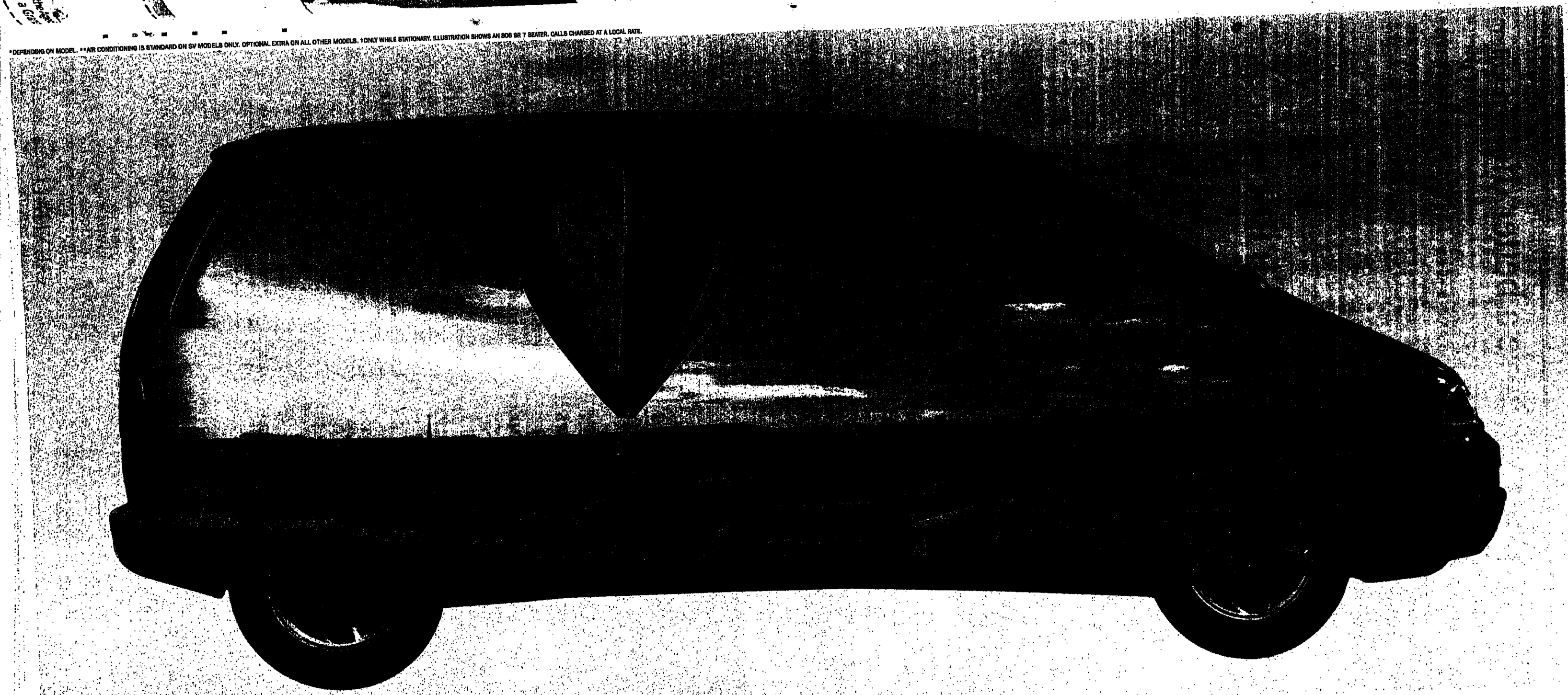
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Children who eat more sugar may have a better diet

BY NIGEL HAWKES
SCIENCE EDITOR

SUGAR, the food second only to fat as a demon of diet, has been given a clean bill of health in a study that overturns many of the most cherished beliefs about healthy eating.

Sugar does *not* make children fat nor does it displace other important items in the diet. It may actually improve the diet because the evidence is that children who eat more sugar eat less fat. The study was carried out by a team led by Professor Donald Naismith, of the Department of Nutrition at King's College London, observing 143 children from two north London secondary schools — 76 boys and 67 girls aged between 11 and 13.

The children, assisted by their parents, weighed and recorded every item of food, including sweets, eaten over a seven-day period. The records were checked for completeness and accuracy after 24 hours, three days, and a week.

The results, published in the *Journal of Human Nutrition and Dietetics*, show that the children who ate the most sugar were the least likely to be overweight. Furthermore, children with the lowest consumption of sugar were found to eat a fifth more fat.

The results also contradict the belief that children eat sugar in preference to fruit, vegetables and cereals. The measurement of dietary fibre, which largely comes from these foods, was no lower in those who ate more sugar than those who ate less. Nor was the intake of most vitamins and minerals affected, with the possible exception of vitamin A.

The conclusion is that children with large appetites eat more of everything, rather than choosing *sugar-rich foods*. The denigration of sugar as "empty calories" by critics is naive, the team says, since most sugar is eaten with a great variety of other nutrients in manufactured foods and prepared dishes, to which it contributes taste and *texture as well as energy*.

Sugar is also defended in a pamphlet published today by the Social Affairs Unit and written by Dr David Conning, who for nine years was Director General of the British Nutrition Foundation. Although blamed for many diseases, "extensive and expensive research has failed to substantiate any of these claims except where consumption is grossly excessive", he said. Dr Conning's pamphlet, *A New Diet of Reason*, says that the healthy eating debate has a history of bad science.

The publication of the pamphlet has been inspired by the recent winding-up of the Department of Health's Nutrition Task Force, which held its last meeting two weeks ago.

TIPS FOR HEALTHY EATING

- Any meat is good. Eat liver at least once a month.
- Eat plenty of bread, cereals, potatoes, pasta and rice. Do not be afraid to add sugar.
- Eat dairy products at least once a day for calcium.
- Eat oily fish — mackerel, herring or salmon — once a week.
- Use olive oil, rapeseed or sunflower oils for cooking or dressings but that apart, do not worry about different sorts of fat in the diet.
- Moderate drinking protects against heart disease.

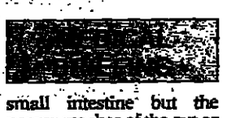
A killer that picks only on the weak

IT IS tragic that the Siamese twins Chloe and Nicole Astbury died from the rare and very lethal intestinal disease necrotising enterocolitis, when in other ways they were doing so well.

However, contrary to reports, the disease does not strike by chance. Parents of newborn babies can be reasonably certain that if their child is otherwise healthy, it will not affect them. The Siamese twins had risk factors that made them likely victims.

The twins had withstood major surgery to the gut, which may well have affected its blood supply, and had started on regular oral feeding when the disease struck. In the typical case, the affected baby has usually been delivered early and has suffered additional ill health, often withstanding unusual complications including poor oxygenation. It is also more common in children with congenital heart disease if blood oxygen supplies have been reduced.

The infection usually starts in the far end of the



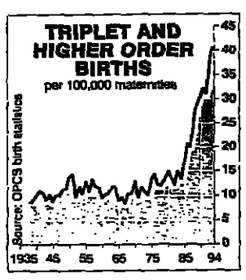
small intestine but the nearer reaches of the gut or the large bowel can become involved. The exact process is uncertain but it seems that the lining has for some reason been starved of adequate oxygen for a time, possibly only by spasm in the blood vessels. Major surgery could be a possible cause of an interrupted oxygen supply but frequently it is no more than that induced by a reaction distress, infection, or an exchange transfusion of the baby's blood.

The intestinal wall produces inadequate mucus, so marauding bacteria are able to become established, ready to proliferate with regular oral feeding. Gas produced by the bacteria collects in the gut and may enter the veins. The intestinal wall becomes friable and necrotic, and will perforate without successful non-operative treatment with anti-biotics and drip-feeding. Perforation leads to peritonitis, an overwhelming infection.

About a third of babies who develop necrotising enterocolitis need surgery. Overall, two-thirds of the baby sufferers survive.

DR THOMAS STUTTAFORD

Infertility treatment trebles the birth of triplets



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Anthony and Janne Goble with their triplets Alice, left, Elizabeth and Olivia. Mrs Goble said: "Given a choice of three or none there's no question which I would choose"

BY JEREMY LAURANCE

THE number of triplet births in Britain has trebled in less than a decade after remaining unchanged for the previous 50 years. Figures show that 260 sets of triplets and eight sets of quadruplets were born in 1994 compared with fewer than 90 sets of triplets in 1985. The number of twins has also risen with 8,451 sets born in 1994.

The sharp rise is associated with new treatments for infertility in the 1980s. Researchers are worried that in spite of greater awareness of the risks of multiple births with fertility treatments, the rate of triplet births is still rising.

Alison MacFarlane of the National Perinatal Epidemiology Unit, which published the figures, said: "From 1990 to 1992 we thought the growth might be slowing but then it picked up again. We are concerned. I would have hoped patients and doctors would be more aware of the risks of fertility treatment but these people are desperate to have kids." Ms MacFarlane said the birth of triplets put a huge strain on parents.

"No one has three hands. Parents who come out of hospital with three babies face a huge amount of work," she said. "The mother can only breastfeed in rotation which means she will be doing it a lot of the time. If one baby yells it wakes the others and the mother becomes exhausted."

Parents face heavy financial costs which often come on top of the expense of infertility treatment, she said. "They may already be in debt and have three babies to feed and clothe without hand-me-downs."

A study by the unit, *Three, Four or More*, revealed the desperation of some mothers and the shortage of help from social services departments. One woman had to threaten a nervous breakdown to get help at night. Another wrote: "For the first 12 months I didn't go out. My husband went to the supermarket and I shopped for clothes by post."

Since 1990 test-tube baby clinics providing in-vitro fertilisation treatment have been limited by law to replacing a maximum of three embryos in the womb. Until then some clinics replaced up to ten to increase the chances of a live birth.

Hugh Whittall, deputy director of the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority, said the rate of multiple births at the clinics licensed by the authority had remained steady since 1990 and some now set their own limit of two embryos. However many more women had treatment with fertility drugs to stimulate ovulation, often in their local NHS hospital. "We can't account for what happens with non-licensed treatments," he said.

☐ *Advice is available from the Twins and Multiple Births Association, PO Box 30, Little Sutton, South Wirral, L66 1TH, tel 0151 348 0020.*

'For the first few months it was a production line'

BY JEREMY LAURANCE

UNTIL the day her three daughters were born, Janne Goble had tried to close her mind to the implications. Her consultant had warned her that the risk of having triplets was so great she should not prepare herself until the last minute. "We didn't buy anything. Although I had known I was carrying triplets from early on it was still a shock when they were born."

Mrs Goble, 35, whose husband, Anthony, is a harpsichord maker in Oxford, had been given a fertility drug for polycystic ovary disease, a common cause of infertility.

"The clinic said they would monitor me very carefully and I probably wouldn't have a multiple birth. But I did." Her daughters Alice, Elizabeth and Olivia, now five, were born seven weeks prematurely and spent three weeks in intensive care at the John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford.

"When they came home we thought two of us could cope with three of them. But because they were so small we needed one person per child. They needed feeding three hourly and I wanted to do it myself. We had a wonderful midwife and I managed for three or four months, using milk formula at night. It was just a production line."

Mrs Goble, a nurse, knew who to approach at social services. In the early months she had help five mornings and three nights a week "so we could get some sleep". Her husband, who works near by, went home at lunchtime and her mother "lived on the doorstep for a year". She added: "I know how fortunate I was. Many don't get anything like that amount of help."

She encouraged the children to walk as early as possible. "From 18 months they walked everywhere. They are brilliant walkers. We went camping in Cornwall this summer and they walked for six miles."

The children have always been dressed differently and encouraged to have their own friends. The hardest thing was to give each child individual attention. "They have always had to share me. Right from the start they have had to share everything. I don't remember much about the first 18 months. But it has been wonderful. Given a choice between none and three there is no question which I would choose."

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Dirty buses face ban in clean-up

Buses that pollute the environment are likely to be forced off the roads if the recommendations of a committee set up by the Department of Transport are adopted. It wants to attract car-users by improving the image and use of buses with better ticketing systems and more bus lanes, as well as greater use of "low-profile" buses that are easier for the elderly to board. The committee is due to report next year.

Police volunteers

Lincolnshire Police, which made £900,000 cuts this year, has become the first force to use unpaid civilians to do administrative work. It has recruited no new officers for three years.

Sailor rescued

A German sailor was rescued from his yacht after drifting for three days off the Shetlands. The man had been sailing from the Faeroe Isles to Germany when the boat lost its mast in high winds.

Sex film warning

The Independent Television Commission issued a formal warning to the satellite Fantasy Channel after it showed an uncut version of *Requiem For A Vampire*, a violent sex film including a rape scene.

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Minister says it would be daft to exclude half the population from consideration

Portillo preparing to back combat role for women soldiers

By Michael Evans, Defence Correspondent

WOMEN may be given their first chance to join the Army in a combat role, bringing equality of opportunity to all three Armed Services. Service chiefs are conducting a review to see whether women should be allowed to fight in front-line infantry and armoured regiments.

Opportunities for women in the Army have expanded significantly in recent years but the female combat soldier has remained a taboo until now. Michael Portillo, the Defence Secretary, has given the strongest indication that he might support a frontline role for women.

He told *The Times*: "I'm interested in utilising human resources generally as well as possible. I wait for advice from the Army but it would be daft if we excluded half the population from consideration." He pointed out that women were already in combat roles on Royal Navy ships and flying combat aircraft for the Navy and the RAF. The Armed Forces are now committed to a strong equal opportunities policy and women's careers are monitored to ensure they receive the same treatment as men.

Women in the Army already serve much closer to the front line than ever before but until now the MoD has been against following the example of Canada, Belgium, Holland and Norway, which have opened combat roles to suitably qualified soldiers, regardless of gender.

Women in the Army can be armed and can fire weapons in self-defence but they are banned from killing the enemy in an offensive role. The perceived view has been that women would not have the physical stamina or the aggressive instincts to take part in full-scale combat in an infantry role.

Mr Portillo's hint that he may be in favour of a combat role for women will have repercussions for the Royal Marines and the RAF Regiment, both of which are awaiting the decision on the Army before making up their minds on the issue.

The Royal Navy has about 700 women serving on 35 warships. It is expected that the first woman commander of a ship will be appointed in less than ten years. The Navy also has one woman pilot and five women observers under training.

The RAF has eight women pilots, including one who qualified this year for fast-jet combat duties, and twelve women navigators. Another 28 are undergoing pilot training and 22 navigator training. An increasing number of women are serving with British forces in United Nations peacekeeping roles in Cyprus, former Yugoslavia and on board ships in the Adriatic.

British infantry regiments are 1,200 soldiers under strength and there are concerns about the shortage of recruits for units such as the Parachute Regiment, which is short of about 250. If the trend continues in the long term, women in combat roles could help to ease the problem.

Mr Portillo was adamant that manpower cuts in the Government's Options for Change and Frontline First defence reviews had not gone too far but some of the public believed that recruiting had stopped. "We still need new young people," he said.

JULIAN HERBERT



Waiting in line and ready to step into battle: women officer cadets at a Sovereign's Parade at Sandhurst

Our man likes to drive a Skoda

By Nigel Williamson

THE Foreign Office has been criticised by Labour for failing to buy British cars for overseas posts in spite of spending £21 million in the past five years. Ladas, Skodas and even Vespa scooters have been purchased for some of the less prestigious postings.

Malcolm Rifkind, the Foreign Secretary, will be asked this week by Alan Milburn, a Labour member of the Public Accounts Committee, to revise the purchasing programme in favour of a made-in-Britain policy. Over half of the vehicles bought in the past five years — 676 — have been purchased abroad.

Although well-known British makes such as Rover and Land Rover top the list, six Ladas have been bought for posts in the former Soviet Union, where their ability to withstand the harsh winter is greatly prized.

Expert forgers force traders to reject £50 notes

By Tim Jones

THE £50 note is being shunned by traders because forgers have become increasingly sophisticated and one of the country's largest brewers has banned its publicans from accepting it.

Increasingly, shop owners and large companies, frightened of being duped, are causing embarrassment to customers by refusing to accept £50 notes. The rejection of £50 notes, more than 270 years after they were first printed, comes after a huge increase in high-technology forgeries by gangs that travel the world to learn the latest advances in printing techniques.

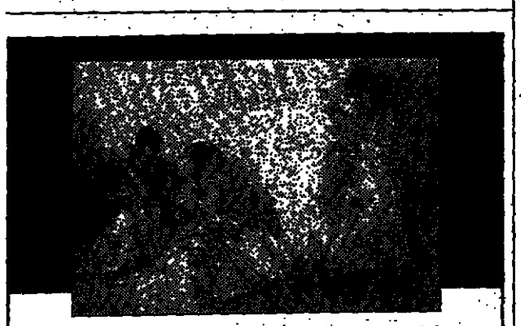
Green King brewery has told its 900 tenants and managers not to accept the notes because pubs are targeted by counterfeiters as easy outlets for passing on the notes. Clive Pettitt, the brewery's marketing manager, said: "Pubs are almost wholly cash based and if a customer gets change for a £5 round of drinks after passing on a forged £50 note the loss is very great."

Mr Pettitt said scanning machines and other electronic devices that were supposed to identify forgeries had proved unreliable. The policy of rejecting legal tender has caused confusion to some customers. Nigel Blackham, from Barnet, Hertfordshire, said he was astonished when his £50 note was refused at a pub in Witham, Essex. He said: "The barman had served the drinks and I sipped my beer before offering him the note. After saying the brewery wouldn't let him accept it he tried to take the drinks back. I had to get my wife to pay the £4.50 with her credit card. I could not believe it."

Bank of England officials are pressing ahead with a "know your banknotes" campaign to alert traders of the dangers they face.

Graham Kentfield, the bank's chief cashier, said: "Counterfeiting is a crime with too many victims. In almost every case the difference between genuine notes and counterfeits is obvious. If people did the simple checks we recommend they would not have lost money."

☐ The £50 note first appeared in 1725 when only large denomination notes were printed. At today's values, it was worth £3,300. It was withdrawn during the Second World War because of the danger of German forgeries.



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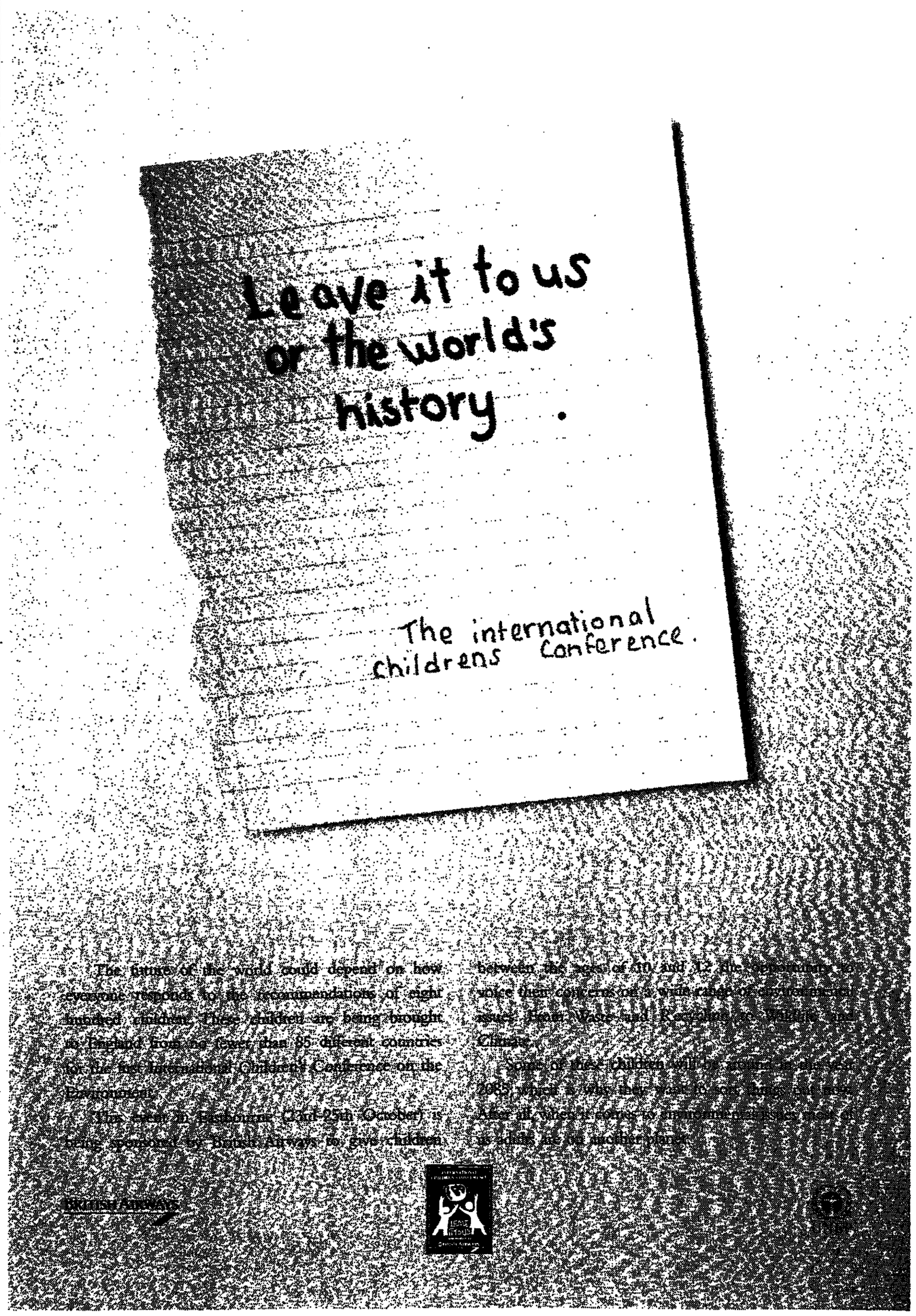
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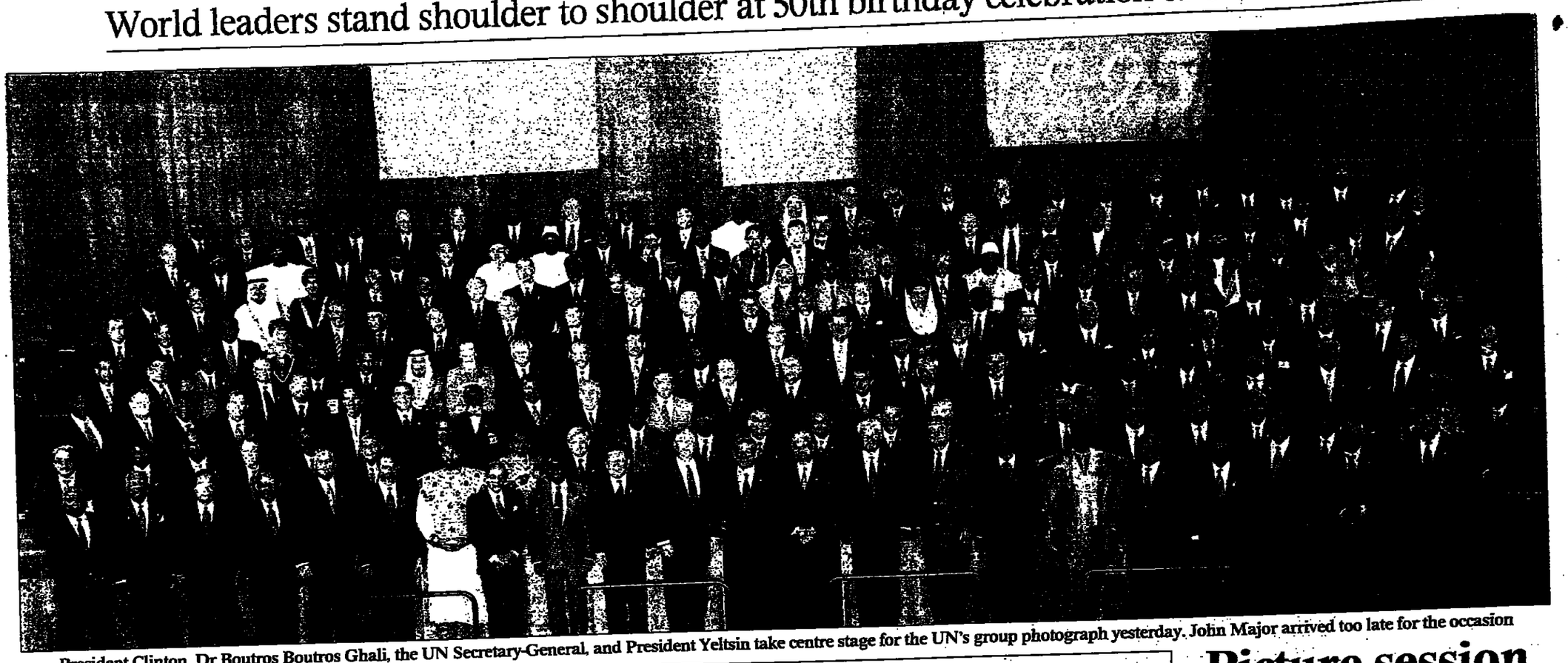
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The Earth Summit Conference

World leaders stand shoulder to shoulder at 50th birthday celebration of United Nations



President Clinton, Dr Boutros Boutros Ghali, the UN Secretary-General, and President Yeltsin take centre stage for the UN's group photograph yesterday. John Major arrived too late for the occasion

Picture session creates protocol nightmare at UN

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

JOHN MAJOR flew to New York too late to be included in an unprecedented snapshot of the "family of nations" yesterday, although he had a front-row place reserved.

Kings, presidents and prime ministers lined up like school-children at the United Nations for what was the world's largest ever "photo opportunity". About 140 heads of state or government and several dozen foreign ministers stood in rows at the start of the three-day celebration of the organisation's fiftieth anniversary.

Officials described the group photograph as a "protocol nightmare" as they struggled to ensure that no head of state felt overshadowed. Asked how he would avoid placing a large head of state next to a small one, one aide said: "There are no small heads of state — short but not small."

The pecking order put President Clinton next to Boutros Boutros Ghali, the UN Secretary-General, in the centre of the front row as leader of the UN's host country. On the other side of the Secretary-General was Diogo Freitas do Amaral, the former Portuguese minister, now serving as president of the 185-nation General Assembly.

The permanent members of the Security Council were given places in the front row. The order of the other ranks was decided by the lottery held earlier in the year for seating in the General Assembly hall. Mozambique won pride of place and the rest of the UN members were arranged alphabetically.

Yassir Arafat, the chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organisation, wore his trademark khaki and keyiffah. President Mandela sported sunglasses and a patterned African shirt.

In addition to Mr Major, those missing from the photograph were President Saddam Hussein of Iraq, Colonel Muammar Gaddafi of Libya and the leaders of Burma, Iran, Kenya, Ecuador, Peru and the Gulf states.

Eduard Shevardnadze of Georgia and President Mubarak of Egypt both stayed at home because of fears of what might happen if they left the country, and President Gligorov of the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia was represented by the Speaker of his parliament because he is recovering from an assassination attempt.

Helmut Kohl, the German Chancellor, and President Scalfaro of Italy did not attend because of domestic political problems. The Comoros Islands were represented by the Foreign Minister, who is running the country after President Djohar was ousted in a coup. With so many leaders present, it took two hours for them to traipse up the red carpet and greet Dr Boutros Ghali with handshakes, bear-hugs, and double-kisses — every form of greeting except the Eskimo nose-rub.

After the photograph, each leader was given five minutes to speak to the General Assembly. UN officials were far from confident that they could prevent the more verbose speakers from carrying on and there were predictions that the session would continue into the early hours. President Clinton, the first head of state to speak, took 17 minutes.



Arafat: stood out among the throng of grey suits

Banquet first course on route to future

BY JAMES BONE

HIGHLIGHTS of UN fiftieth anniversary celebration:

Saturday, October 21:

☐ Banquet given for world leaders by Mayor of New York. PLO chairman Yassir Arafat and President Castro of Cuba not invited. Arafat holds his own rival dinner nearby.

Sunday, October 22:

☐ Boutros Boutros Ghali, the UN Secretary-General, opens three days of speeches with appeal for a special session of the General Assembly on the UN's financial crisis.

☐ President Clinton, President Yeltsin of Russia, President Castro and President Tudjman of Croatia are among more than 50 speakers.

☐ President Clinton hosts a reception for visiting leaders at New York Public Library.

☐ President Castro, not invited by President Clinton, plans to speak at a church in the predominantly black neighbourhood of Harlem.

Monday, October 23:

☐ John Major addresses the General Assembly.

☐ Mr Major meets President Menem of Argentina in first encounter between British and Argentine leaders since Falklands War. Mr Major also meets leaders of Azerbaijan, Kuwait, India, Saudi Arabia and South Korea.

☐ President Clinton meets President Yeltsin.

☐ President Chirac of France among speakers at the General Assembly.

☐ Leaders attend evening performance by the New York Philharmonic at Lincoln Centre.

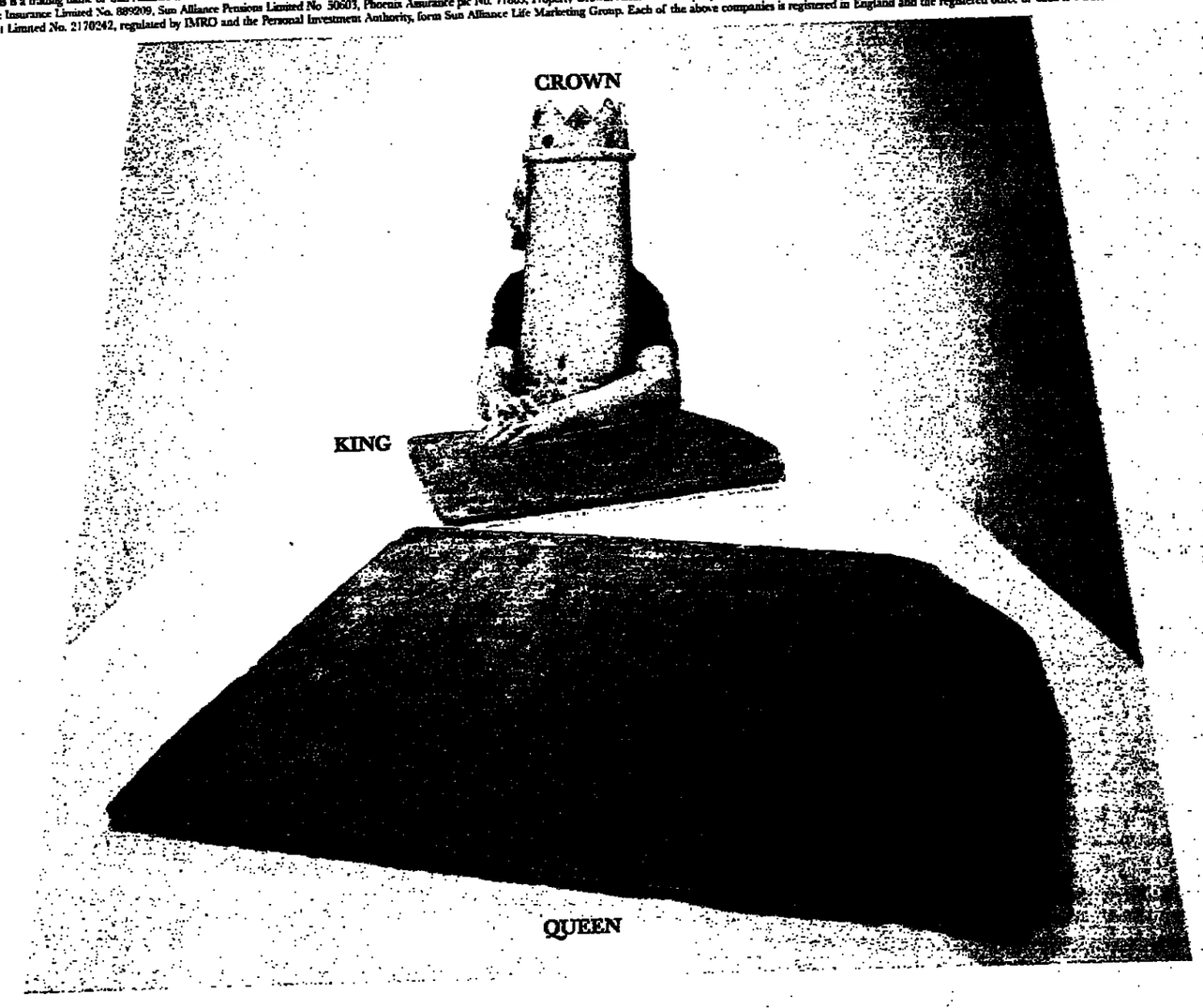
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☐ Final declaration of world leaders on the future of the United Nations.

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Diplomatic falling-out and the strain of personality cults cast a shadow on global party

Meeting of French and Algerian leaders called off

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN PARIS AND JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

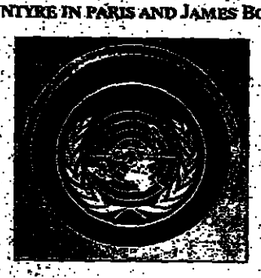
A BITTER diplomatic row marred the UN's fiftieth anniversary celebrations last night after a planned meeting between President Chirac of France and Algerian President Zeroual was cancelled at the last minute, just days after Islamic fundamentalists threatened to intensify their terrorist violence in France if it went ahead.

The Algerian Government said the talks were scrapped because French officials had made slighting remarks "that can be interpreted as an affront to the dignity and sovereignty of the Algerian people".

These "malevolent" statements meant that "the meeting had lost its raison d'être," Mr Zeroual's spokesman said.

M Chirac, however, said the talks had been cancelled because Mr Zeroual had demanded television coverage to coincide with the first day of campaigning in the Algerian presidential election, while the French wanted a meeting behind closed doors.

The two leaders did meet for 10 to 15 minutes in the presence of the United Nations Secretary-General, however, after lining up for a photograph of world leaders. Although the meeting is unlikely to be rescheduled, M Chirac and Mr Zeroual will have ample opportunity to meet privately since they are both staying in the same hotel.



In recent days M Chirac has strongly denied suggestions that the meeting would be seen as an endorsement of Mr Zeroual's election campaign.

The Algerian presidential spokesman said French officials had insulted his country by making comments that were "manifestly tendentious and sometimes extremely malevolent towards Algeria".

Laurent Fabius, head of the Socialist group in the French parliament, said that the Chirac-Zeroual meeting had "begun as a gaffe" and "ended in a snub". He added: "This is an example of what should not be done."

Last week an Arabic-language newspaper reported that the militant Armed Islamic Group (GIA), which has claimed responsibility for the recent wave of terror attacks in France, had threatened to intensify its bombing campaign unless M Chirac cancelled the meeting, severed all economic and diplomatic links with the Algerian Government and publicly denounced the country's forthcoming elections.

Both Islamic and secular parties have boycotted the elections, which Mr Zeroual is expected to win.

Faced with the threat of intensified guerrilla violence and mounting criticism at home, M Chirac may well be relieved that the talks have been abandoned.

However, the episode will further undermine confidence in his Government, already battered by some of the lowest popularity ratings in recent French history.

"M Chirac is humiliating France and making her look ridiculous," thundered Bruno Mégret of the National Front.

The planned meeting even sparked criticism from officials who complained that, as with his policy of resumed nuclear testing, M Chirac should not have given advance warning. Plans for the meeting were announced on October 10, giving the President's detractors nearly two weeks to mobilise against him.

Anticipating possible terrorist reprisals if the meeting went ahead, the French Government deployed 2,000 extra troops in Paris last weekend. Almost 32,000 soldiers, police and customs officials have now been mobilised throughout France in the massive anti-terrorist operation code-named "Vigipirate".

France provided Fr5 billion (£645 million) in financial aid to Algeria last year, and the GIA has pledged to continue its violent campaign until France discontinues support altogether.

In a recent bulletin the GIA threatened to bring "holy war" to "the heart of France's biggest cities".



Cancelled summit: M Chirac, left, risked more Islamic violence if he met President Zeroual



Yeltsin waves as he arrives at the UN in a trip he hopes will boost his standing

Yeltsin strives to rise above his clownish image

FROM THOMAS DE WAAL IN MOSCOW AND IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT Yeltsin was in high spirits yesterday as he appeared before the United Nations at the start of a visit to America that he hopes will bolster his standing before a world audience.

With a characteristic Yeltsin mixture of charm and brute force, the Russian leader bore down on the Boutros Boutros Ghali, the UN Secretary-General, and engulfed him in a bear hug.

Mr Yeltsin has given a series of aggressive press conferences and made tough statements on Nato and Bosnia recently, which suggest that he has privately taken the decision to stand again for the presidency when his term expires next June. His aides say he is in fighting form.

But his list of eccentric antics has started to lengthen and could still undermine his presidency. As he visits New York, he will remind many of Nikita Khrushchev, who in a famous incident at the UN banged his shoe on the table and seriously damaged his public image.

The President did very much the same a year ago when he was the guest of honour at a banquet given by the Queen in St Petersburg. The Queen had given a toast, announced by a toastmaster with a gavel. Asked to follow suit, the President growled "I don't have a hammer" and brought his fist crashing down on the table so hard the cutlery jumped. In another incident in Berlin last year, Mr Yeltsin seized a baton from the conductor of a military band and started conducting himself. Last week the President pinched two Kremlin secretaries as he was striding into a press conference. The Russian media generally ignored the incident, although the newspaper *Izvestia* ran a photograph of it without comment.

These boisterous antics have alternated with even more damaging scenes. The President has often looked puffy, confused, in poor health and possibly drunk. In February, he was virtually carried into a Commonwealth of Independent States summit in Alma Ata.

In July, Mr Yeltsin had a minor heart attack and was out of the public eye for several weeks. After he emerged, he looked in good health.

Since then, he has started making efforts to recapture public approval. But last Thursday his judgement again came into question, when he criticised his Foreign Minister, Andrei Kozyrev, and then tried to retract. The Russian newspapers were quick to criticise his behaviour.

Izvestia said: "Who will take the minister seriously at home or abroad while the President — for several months — reflects on the candidature of his successor?"

Castro suits himself as it rains on his parade

NEW YORK NOTEBOOK

IN ONE respect, Fidel Castro's arrival yesterday was a big disappointment: he was wearing a dark, Western-style suit, not his trademark fatigues. However, Señor Castro still found time for a proletarian gesture. On reaching the building, he advanced on a humble security guard and shook his hand.

Señor Castro had arrived in those fatigues at Kennedy airport on Saturday, but perhaps realised that the guerrilla look was inappropriate. The fatigues were also drenched at the rainswept airport, so were no doubt creased. That storm rained on a pro-Castro parade supported by a group of bespectacled, bearded marchers, and also on a knot of exiles who huddled outside the Cuban mission to yell at Señor Castro as he arrived by limousine.

A trip to the shops is probably unlikely for Señor Castro, but one item on his shopping list. He is rumoured to have asked an aide to pick up Colin Powell's autobiography.

AT Mayor Rudolph Giuliani's gala dinner on Saturday — to which Señor Castro was pointedly not invited — waiters were given a crash course in protocol. Heads of state were first to be served, all at exactly the same time, lest offence be given.

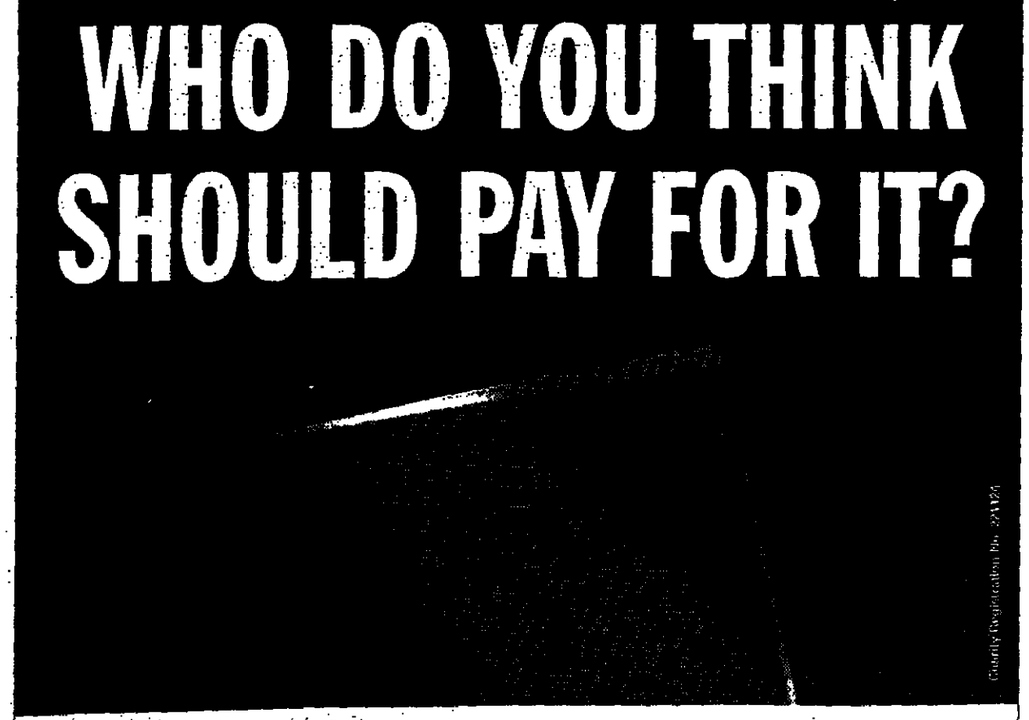
Another who failed to make the guest list was Yassir Arafat. The PLO leader responded by throwing a dinner of his own at a hotel across the street starting at exactly the same hour.

GREECE'S President, Costas Stephanopoulos, decided to visit Queens, a New York borough with a big Greek community. The locals were underwhelmed. A housewife who had been introduced to the President was moments later asked by her teenage daughter: "Mom, what was that guy's name again?" Mom, with utter certainty: "It was George." She may have been confusing him with the other Stephanopoulos who advises Bill Clinton.

JOHN MAJOR is staying at the UN Plaza Hotel, where facilities include an in-house masseuse, available round the clock. The manager has also hired a lift repair man, so if it breaks down Mr Major will not be stuck for long.

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Russian scientists help Iran's quest for nuclear power

BY MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT, AND ROGER BOYES

WESTERN pressure on China and Russia to stop providing Iran with nuclear technology and expertise has failed to stem Tehran's pursuit of nuclear weapons, according to the latest intelligence.

Iran's principal nuclear research facilities are run by Russian and Chinese scientists and engineers. Early next year 1,500 Russian specialists are expected to go to Iran to "bring on stream" the multi-billion-dollar power plant at Bushehr.

Of greatest concern to Western intelligence services are reports that Chinese experts have almost finished a uranium enrichment plant at the atomic centre at Karaj, a huge facility constructed under the guise of a medical and hospital complex, 100 miles from Tehran. Uranium enrichment is a vital element in the development of bomb-grade material for nuclear weapons.

Western intelligence services have been anxious to obtain corroborative evidence of Iran's reported purchase from China earlier this year of a calutron system, which uses electro-magnetism to enrich uranium.

According to Mohammad Mohaddessin, of the National Council of Resistance of Iran, the main opponents of the Tehran regime, China's agreement to deliver the calutron system was signed three years ago and the work is due to be completed "within a few months".

China announced this month that it was cancelling a contract to sell two nuclear reactors to Iran. Qian Qichen, China's Foreign Minister, said the deal had been suspended indefinitely.

Russia's sale of two 440-megawatt nuclear reactors for Bushehr is going ahead, however, and two more are expected to be installed at the Neka complex in Mazandaran.

Iran is believed to be determined to renegotiate the deal with China to supply two 300-megawatt reactors, also for Bushehr, but Western intelligence sources said they did not believe Peking would go ahead with the contract, mainly because of doubts over Iran's ability to pay for the reactors, which are estimated to cost between £500-£575 million.

Iran continues to insist that its nuclear programme is for civilian purposes, but claims by the National Council of Resistance of Iran of a comprehensive nuclear bomb programme have been confirmed by Western intelligence. Earlier this year, a classified report to President Rafsanjani of Iran is said to have boasted that the first stage of the production of a nuclear bomb had been completed, and praised Russian and Chinese scientists for their role.

Iran's plan to develop a nuclear weapons programme dates back to 1985, during the regime of the late Ayatollah Khomeini, and continued after his death in 1989.

There are now believed to be at least seven nuclear sites in Iran: Esfahan, in central Iran, part of which is built underground; Karaj, designed to withstand a military assault; Gorgan, near the Caspian Sea; Qazvin, northwest of Tehran; Bushehr, codenamed the Jerusalem project; Yazd, close to a uranium mine in central Iran; and Darkhovin, in southwest Iran, which is under the supervision of Chinese specialists.



Zanzibar holds multiparty poll

Electors on the Tanzanian spice island of Zanzibar line up to cast their vote yesterday for a President and 50-member parliament. Pounding tropical rain helped to dispel the carnival atmosphere of the final rallies on Saturday, with voters subdued as they lined up for the first multi-party elections since independence in 1963. Voters in Zanzibar and Pemba islands appeared to be heeding the advice of both major parties to go to the polls without knives. All experts said the election was too close to predict. Polls for the union of the islands with the mainland as a whole will be held next Sunday. (AFP)

Pentagon ends bias towards minorities

FROM AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE IN WASHINGTON

THE Pentagon is to end positive discrimination in favour of ethnic minorities in awarding contracts, *The Washington Post* reported yesterday.

The newspaper said the Defence Department would announce today or tomorrow its decision to abolish the so-called "rule of two", in use since 1987. Under the terms of this rule, if at least two small firms owned by ethnic minorities bid for a Pentagon contract, the contract has to go to a minority-owned firm.

Last year the rule secured contracts worth $1 billion (£637 million) for companies belonging to ethnic minorities.

The Washington Post said the Pentagon decision was the first move to change the system since the White House and Justice Department reviewed "affirmative action" under pressure from conservative groups. Affirmative action gave priority to minorities in jobs to cure imbalances caused by discrimination.

WORLD SUMMARY

Saudis hunt for bomber

AN INTENSIVE manhunt was under way in Saudi Arabia yesterday for the chief suspect in Friday's bomb attack on a crowded mosque in the western province of Asir, which killed seven worshippers, injured more than 100 and sent shockwaves through the country (Christopher Walker writes). The bombing of the mosque during weekly prayers at a village between Mecca and the border with Yemen came as the world's leading oil producer is coping with widespread discontent among Islamic fundamentalists and a soaring crime wave.

Fighting halts in northern Bosnia

Sarajevo: The guns fell silent across Bosnia yesterday as the warring sides finally stopped fighting in the northwest that had threatened to undermine the ten-day-old ceasefire.

"Quiet, quiet, quiet, quiet," said Major Miriam Sohacki, a United Nations spokeswoman, describing the military situation across Bosnia-Herzegovina. "No specific activity in the northwest." The Bosnian Serb Army confirmed in a statement that the ceasefire, the 37th since the war began, was holding. *(Reuter)*

Papandreou photo pledge

Athens: A once fanatical supporter of Andreas Papandreou, Greece's Socialist leader, says he will publish new compromising photographs of the Prime Minister's wife as part of his campaign to force them out of office (Malcolm Brabant writes). *Avriani*, a populist newspaper, has begun a countdown to what it calls "Mimi's end". George Kouris, the publisher, plans to print a picture of a naked Dimitra "Mimi" Papandreou, 40, a week today.

Poll highlights Berlin divisions

Berlin: Germany's Social Democrats fared badly and the Free Democrats lost all their seats in Berlin's assembly in voting yesterday, according to exit polls. The Christian Democrats were set to be the biggest party and the Party of Democratic Socialism highlighted the city's political split by advancing strongly in districts east of the former Berlin Wall. *(Reuter)*

Hostages seen

Delhi: At least two, and perhaps all four, of the Western hostages kidnapped in July by Kashmiri militants have been seen in populated areas of the Kashmir Valley, their captors having been driven from the hills by the first winter snow (Christopher Thomas writes).

Dole team accused of blackmail threat

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

INCREASINGLY caustic exchanges have broken out between Robert Dole, the Republican Senate leader who is seeking his party's presidential nomination, and Arianna Stassinopoulis Huffington, the conservative activist. In the latest round, she has accused the Dole campaign of threatening to blackmail her.

Mrs Huffington, whose husband Michael spent $30 million (£19 million) from his personal fortune in failing to win a Senate seat last year, has taken aim at Mr Dole in newspaper articles and on her cable television programme. Although he is the leading candidate in a field of ten Republican hopefuls, she portrays him as lacking either the drive or the message to win.

She first levelled her sights last month in *The Wall Street Journal*, where she warned Republicans that "the emperor has no clothes — i.e. Bob Dole is not electable". She praised the leadership qualities of Colin Powell, the retired general, who is agonising over whether to run.

The article upset Mr Dole, who campaigned repeatedly for Mr Huffington last year. He wrote to Mrs Huffington, saying he agreed with her assessment that General Powell was an outstanding American, but added acidly: "One of the qualities that helps to make him so is the loyalty he has shown to those who assisted him along the way."

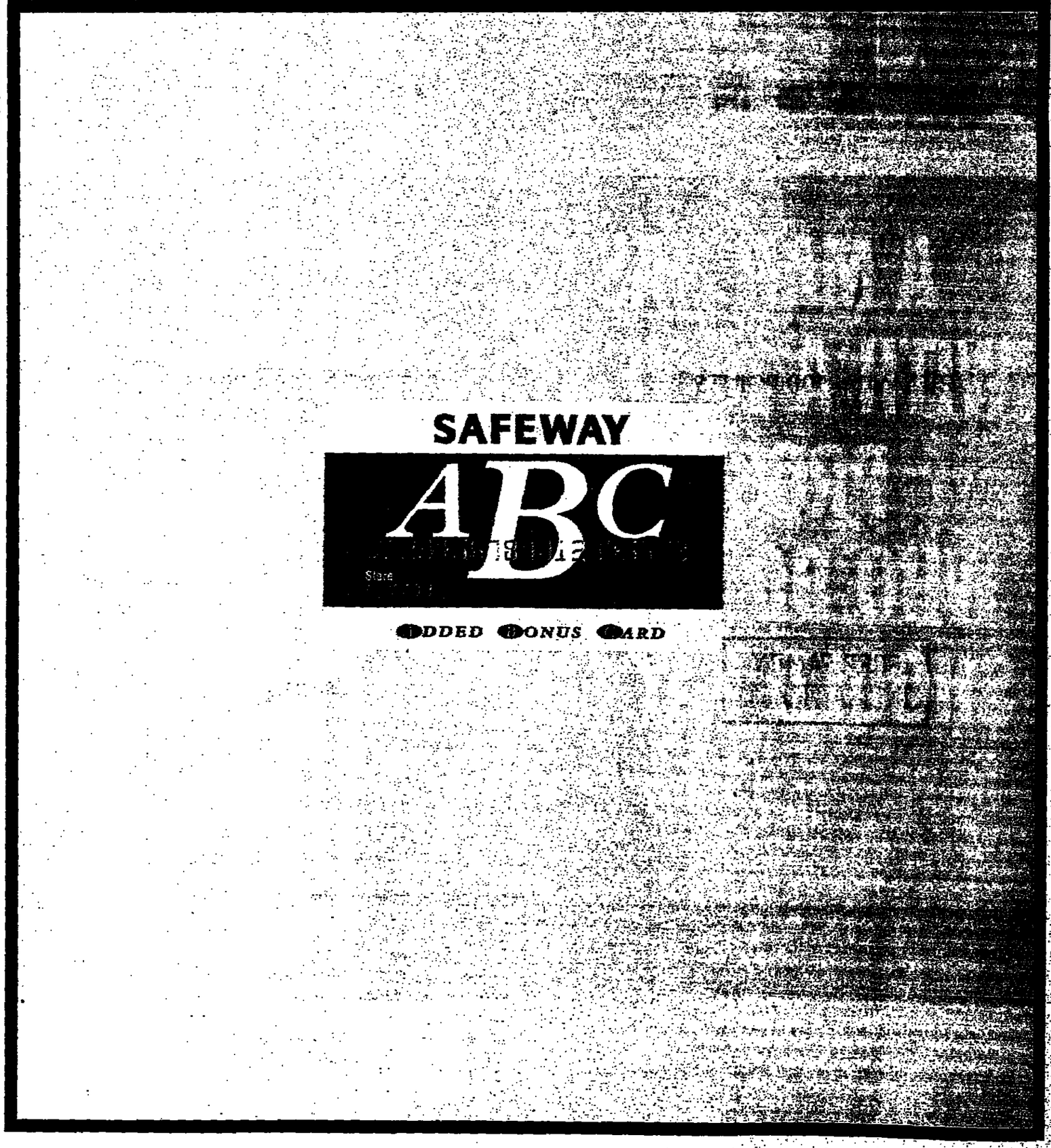
Unrepentant, Mrs Huffington returned to the fray on television, criticising Mr Dole's lacklustre performance during a candidates' debate in New Hampshire and suggesting that his wife, Elizabeth, was hedging her bets about his winning the nomination by delaying her promised resignation as president of the American Red Cross.

Mrs Huffington said yesterday that this provoked a threatening call from Scott Reed, the manager of the Dole campaign, who said that they had "a pile of information" on her and implied that they would use it. Mr Reed denied making any such warning or threat, and told *The Washington Post* that she was being "a little hysterical" about the call.

Last Thursday Mrs Huffington again attacked Mr Dole in *The Wall Street Journal*, saying he did not have a clue about the Republican revolution and calling on all who cared for it to oppose his nomination publicly.

☐ Clinton gaffe: Republicans unveiled a new television commercial yesterday showing President Clinton's gaffe last week when he said he had raised taxes "too much" two years ago. Many of the Democrats who then voted for his $258 billion tax increase were defeated when Republicans seized control of Congress in elections last November.

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Schumacher celebrates his triumph in the Pacific Grand Prix yesterday. Victory, achieved by 15 seconds from Coulthard, left, secured the Formula One drivers' championship. Photograph: John Pryke

German retains world title and stakes claim to greatness

Schumacher drives away doubts

FROM OLIVER HOLT
IN AIDA, JAPAN

THE sun set early on the race for the Formula One world motor racing championship in the quiet of the Japanese countryside yesterday. It fled behind the trees that tower over the track here, so that Damon Hill could see a bad moon rising: Michael Schumacher is champion for a second time, peerless and flawless in his domination to the extent that it is hard to see who will emerge to challenge him in the near future.

Schumacher seems to get better and better. Three races stretched out in front of him, from which he needed three points to retain the title. He needed only one, and just as in the European Grand Prix at the Nürburgring three weeks ago, he refused to play the percentage game. By winning the Pacific Grand Prix here, he ground his mastery into Hill's dejected features.

As Schumacher trundled around his slowing-down lap after taking the chequered flag, the other drivers lined up behind him in homage. When he got back to the pits, members of the Benetton team that he has lifted to such heady heights in his four years with them clustered around him to offer their congratulations and praise.

His retention of the title he won amid so much controversy last year made him the youngest driver to have won two world championships, younger than Juan Manuel Fangio, Jim Clark, Jackie Stewart, Alain Prost or Ayrton Senna. Only five drivers — Fangio, Alberto Ascari, Jack Brabham, Prost and Senna — had previously won successive titles. If there were any doubts about Schumacher's fitness to rule, they have been banished.

He now has 18 victories to his name, four more than Graham Hill and only five fewer than Nelson Piquet, who took three world titles. He is still 26. Two more wins this year would take him beyond Nigel Mansell's record of nine in a season, and closer to his cherished goal: Prost's mark of 51 triumphs. Gradually, he is being stamped with the hallmark of true greatness.

'He won at a canter, and then the party began'

Victory march 24

His colleagues are united in their admiration. "He is the only one out there who makes a difference," Eddie Irvine, his team-mate at Ferrari next year, said. Even Hill, who launched a swingeing attack on what he called Schumacher's "hypocrisy" after the race, was moved to speak in glowing terms of his nemesis.

"The fact of the matter is that he won the race again," Hill said. "I don't know how he does it. I respect him for that, and in order to win the world championship myself, I am going to have to try and emulate those feats. He is very, very good. Clearly, he has an advantage over everybody else in the field at the moment."

The race on the toytown track here in the Oashi highlands was a microcosm of much of the season. Schumacher started behind the two Williams-Renaults, driven by Hill and David Coulthard, and gradually, inexorably, reined them in by dint of his own driving skills and the unrivalled efficiency of his team strategists and pit-lane crew.

There were no alarms, no breathtaking manoeuvres. It was simple and ruthless in its professionalism. He cut a swath through backmarkers, giving no quarter. He won by nearly 15 seconds from Coulthard, with Hill a distant third, and is now 33 points ahead of the Englishman.

It felt better this time, too, Schumacher said. This was not a championship sullied by slurs about the legality of the car he drove, by controversies about pit-lane fires, or by the decisive collision with Hill in the last race of the season at Adelaide; nor tragedies like the death of Senna at Imola 18 months ago. It was famous, instead, for the enduring duel with Hill and the satisfaction of emerging the stronger.

"It was more straightforward this time," Schumacher said. "Last year was a bit of a mess, being out of the race at Adelaide and not knowing whether I had actually won it for a couple of minutes. This time, I knew I had won the championship and the race as I crossed the line. This championship is worth more because I had to fight very hard all the season through.

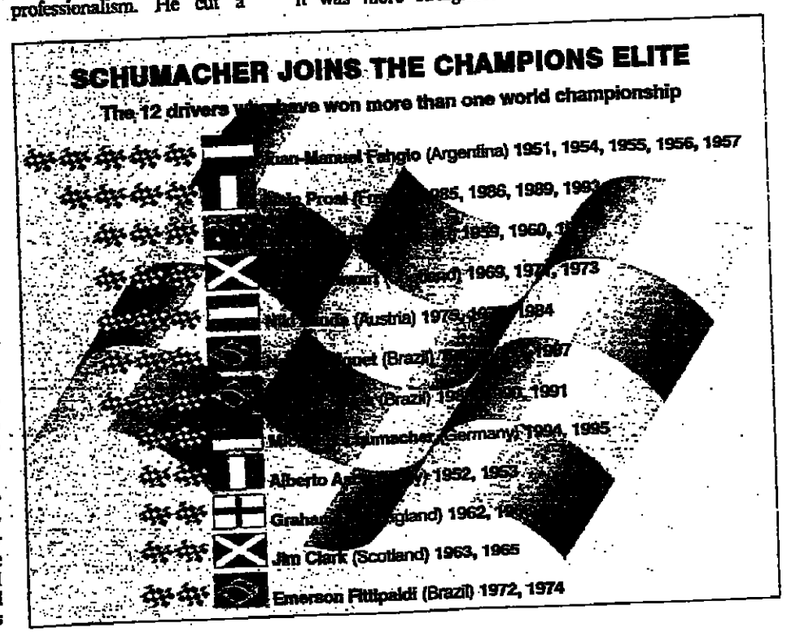
"I am still trying to take it all in. I feel a bit groggy and strange. I need to have some time to celebrate. But it is a beautiful feeling to be champion again, particularly because of the way I did it today, not just taking it easy but going out and winning the race."

The feud with Hill and their crashes during the British Grand Prix at Silverstone and the Italian Grand Prix at Monza diverted attention from the fact that Schumacher was edging away from his rival, but in the final stages of the battle his superiority became impossible to camouflage. When he came from sixteenth on the grid to win the Belgian Grand Prix at Spa in August, it seemed to break Hill's resolve and spur Schumacher on to greater things.

His hegemony seems under threat only from his own decisions. There are high hopes of Jacques Villeneuve, the young IndyCar champion who will partner Hill at Williams next year, but it would be unrealistic to expect him to win the title at the first attempt. The main hope for the German's rivals comes from his move to Ferrari, and the possibility that the deficiencies of their car — with its new V10 engine — might reduce his advantage.

But that is where those who see no romance or charisma in Schumacher miss the point. His talents are such that he has been able to force his Benetton-Renault to the front of the pack despite the generally held opinion that the Williams-Renault is the better car. The smart money is on him to work more alchemy next year, too. In this ability lies the essence of Schumacher's appeal.

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TV ACTION REPLAY

The consensus is that the BBC's coverage of the rugby league World Cup has been inadequate. The question is — how inadequate?

Die-hard supporters would say very, citing two damning facts. First, that by the time the full-time hooter goes at Wembley on Saturday, the corporation will have shown just four of the tournament's 15 matches, and second, that highlights of the qualifying rounds were confined to the BBC North region and to Wales.

For league supporters in the south, the first fortnight of the World Cup might as well not have happened — unless they were among the fortunate few connected to Live TV, the cable channel which enterprisingly picked up the unwanted rights to live coverage of the qualifying games.

Within the BBC, there is the quiet admission that it could have done better, particularly with late-night highlights. BBC North produced three excellent programmes, hosted by the personable Damian Johnson.

If the number of these programmes had been increased to take in action from each game on the day it was played: if the scope of the programme had been widened to taken in more of the bruising action from the Welsh group and if, most important of all, the programme had been broadcast nationwide ... then the BBC might have been able to look back on a job well done. But that is a lot of ifs.

In its defence, however, the BBC could argue that the fact that the World Cup has failed to capture the public interest is hardly its fault. It could point to the half-full Wembley stadium of a fortnight ago and the empty seats that were still visible this weekend at Old Trafford and Huddersfield. It could say it had reacted to the criticism meted out to ITV earlier this year for bothering with live coverage of some of the one-sided encounters from the qualifying rounds of the rugby union World Cup.

And if it really wanted to stir things up, it could justifiably point out that, given the outcome, the first fortnight might just as very well not have happened. That just leaves the question of why it bothered buying the rights at all.

Even the semi-finals received a somewhat half-hearted approach. Technically, it was fine, although the 14-camera set-up appeared a couple of cameras light. We had assorted slow-motion replays of Bobbie Goulding's two crucial kicks to Martin Offiah and, while they certainly confirmed that the second should not have been a try (Offiah bounced the ball rather than applied downward pressure), none of them could determine whether Offiah was offside for the first.

As for the commentary, there will be those who like Ray French's barnstorming approach and those who loathe it. I don't have a problem with it, particularly now that the commentary has developed into a three-way conversation between French, Joe Lydon and a guest.

On Saturday, the third seat was taken by Terry Flanagan and yesterday by Steve Simms, both of whom showed an admirable enthusiasm for controversy, with Flanagan quick to spot Offiah's fumble and Simms first to note the frequent incursions on to the playing field by the Australian trainers. With Richard Duckenfield interviewing anything that moved on the touchline, French should have been hard-pressed to get a word in edgeways. But, as ever, he managed.

Time and again, however, the contrast with the BBC's red-carpet coverage of rugby union was all too apparent. England v Wales at Twickenham would have merited Steve Rider at the ground and an assortment of past captains to discuss the play at half-time. Instead we got Dougie Donnelly in the *Grandstand* studio, the football reports at half-time and a strange close-up of the injured Shaun Edwards looking rather bored. No doubt the final will get the full works, but by then it will be three weeks too late.

Angry Hill fuels Pacific war of words

FROM OLIVER HOLT
IN AIDA, JAPAN

HE WON at a canter, coasting to a victory he did not need and launching himself into the arms of his adoring team. Then they began the party in the little shed that passed for a motorhome to celebrate Michael Schumacher's capture of the Formula One world drivers' championship for the second year in succession.

In the next hut, Damon Hill shut himself away and tortured himself by watching a rerun of the Pacific Grand Prix that had finally put paid to his own chances of the title. It was so tense that someone tried to introduce a little levity by standing outside and holding the palms of their hands out towards the shed, pretending to warm them on the white heat of Hill's frustration.

By then, Hill had already spoken bitterly about complaints Schumacher had voiced over his driving during the race. The Englisman went wide at the first corner and nearly pushed Schumacher on to the grass as he blocked his overtaking manoeuvre. The German considered that Hill had overstepped the boundaries; Hill thought he had a cheek.

After the television interviews had finished, Hill jabbed his finger at Schumacher as he was making his point. When he emerged into the post-race press conference, he interrupted Schumacher's sanitised version of events by saying: "Why don't you tell them what you just told me." When Schumacher demurred, Hill filled in the blanks.

"He was not happy with what I did a couple of times during the race," Hill said. "I find that extraordinary. We are free to do what we like as long as it is not deliberately dangerous. I drove in that style and he did not like it. We are allowed to do that now so he should have no complaints.



Schumacher clenches his fist as he crosses the line to win in Japan yesterday and become the youngest driver to claim successive titles

"I do not see how he could possibly object considering what has passed between us this season. I find it incredible. Total hypocrisy. I do not want to sound sour but he should not have complained. He seems to think there is one rule for him and another for everybody else.

"But I do want to congratulate Michael. It has been a very tough fight this year and I am truly respectful of his ability as a driver. He has shown on numerous occasions he has extraordinary talent and speed. I will never give up my own fight to become world champion but this year it just seemed to slip through my fingers. Now, the inevitable has finally come to pass."

Hill had started the race from second place on the grid, behind his team-mate, David Coulthard, who began from his fourth consecutive pole position. But as Coulthard got away cleanly, Hill drifted to his left to block Schumacher's Benetton-Renault, and allowed the Ferraris of Jean Alesi and Gerhard Berger through on the inside.

Schumacher, also angry about what he hinted might have been a "brake test" by Hill later in the race, felt that the move spoilt the race because it allowed Alesi, in particular, to hold Hill up and contribute to the ending of his chances. Nevertheless, the decisive blow was dealt the Englishman in the pits at the end of the twentieth lap, when he came in to change tyres and refuel at the same time as Schumacher and Alesi.

Benetton realised the necessity of getting Schumacher out in front of the other two and produced a lightning-quick stop. Even though Hill had come in ahead, his pit crew dawdled by comparison and he left the pit lane last of the three. He had another alarm when he slid harmlessly into the back of Eddie Irvine's Jordan-Peugeot on the 24th lap, and was never really in contention from then onwards. He finished more than 48 seconds behind the wunderkind in what became a largely featureless contest.

Coulthard had a handsome lead at that stage but his decision to switch from a three-stop strategy cost him dearly. His heavier fuel load kept him stuck behind uncooperative, slower traffic, particularly the Sauber-Ford of Heinz-Harald Frentzen, and allowed Schumacher to eat into his lead. When Schumacher made his third stop, he came out just in front of the young Scot, and the race was over.

So the championship had ended true to the theme of the season, garlanded by an argument between its two protagonists and with Schumacher in peerless form, backed up by an astute team strategy. Hill now faces a battle to avoid the embarrassment of finishing behind Coulthard in the championship, a fate that would cast more gloom on a Williams team already rueing its loss of the young Scot to McLaren next year.

All that is left for them now is the fight for the constructors' title, and that will be an uphill struggle. Benetton lead Williams by 21 points with the Japanese and Australian grands prix to go. It is something they feel they must achieve this year. Schumacher will have left for Ferrari in three weeks and Benetton may never see his like again.

AIDA DETAILS

RESULTS (53 laps, 190.98m): 1, M Schmacher (Ger) Benetton 1hr 48min 49.972sec (av speed 105.291mph), 2, D Coulthard (GB) Williams 14.920sec behind; 3, D Hill (GB) Williams 48.333sec behind; 4, G Berger (Austria) Ferrari 1 lap behind; 5, J Alesi (Fr) Ferrari 1 lap behind; 6, J Herbert (GB) Benetton 1 lap behind; 7, H-H Frentzen (Ger) Sauber 1 lap behind; 8, O Panis (Fr) Ligier 2 laps behind; 9, M Blundell (GB) McLaren 2 laps behind; 10, J Magnussen (Den) McLaren 2 laps behind; 11 E Irvine (GB) Jordan 2 laps behind; 12, M Salo (Fin) Tyrrell 3 laps behind; 13, P Lamy (Por) Minardi 3 laps behind; 14, U Katayama (Japan) Tyrrell 3 laps behind; 15, L Badoer (It) Minardi 3 laps behind; 16, R Moreno (Bri) Forti 5 laps behind; 17, P Diniz (Bri) Forti 6 laps behind.

CHAMPIONSHIP POSITIONS (after 15 races): *Drivers*: 1, Schumacher 92pts; 2, Hill 59; 3, Coulthard 48; 4, Alesi 42; 5, Herbert 41; 6, Berger 31; 7, Frentzen 15; equal 8, R Barrichello (Bra), M Hakkinen (Fin) 11; 10, Blundell 10; 11, O Panis (Fr) 8; equal 12, M Brundle (GB), Irvine 7; 14, J-C Boullion (Fr) 3; 15, Salo 2; equal 16, G Morbidelli (It), A Suzuki (Japan) 1. *Constructors*: 1, Benetton 123pts; 2, Williams 102; 3, Ferrari 73; 4, McLaren 21; equal 5, Jordan, Sauber 18; 7, Ligier 16; 8, Tyrrell 2; 9, Footwork 1.

☐ Benetton deducted ten points and Williams six points for fuel irregularities

REMAINING GRANDS PRIX: Oct 29: Japanese, Suzuka. Nov 12: Australian, Adelaide

Seven-goal Reading set the pace

BY SYDNEY FRISKIN

AFTER a match of high quality, Old Loughtonians emerged 2-1 home winners over Cannock yesterday, but Reading's 7-2 defeat of Barford Tigers put them on top of the men's National Hockey League on goal difference.

Success for Old Loughtonians was based on the superb combination upfront between Thompson and Krishman and the stablising of the defence by Halls.

Old Loughtonians went in front after 18 minutes when Morrison converted a short corner, but most of the drama was packed into the last ten minutes. Thompson increased the home side's lead, but a minute later they conceded a penalty stroke which Edwards converted.

Howard Hoskin and Keevil scored two goals apiece for Reading, with their other goals coming from Ashdown, Villar, and Osborn from a short corner. Dharminder Singh and Tarsem Johal replied for Barford.

In another high scoring match East Grinstead beat Canterbury 5-3, Gibson scoring a hat-trick and Stuart Head chipping in with a double. Laslett, Hacker and Matthews scored for Canterbury.

Guildford again got the better of Teddington with a 4-2 home victory. Jennings scored twice for the home side, once from a short corner, with Powell and Williams adding to the score. Reesby and Way, from a short corner, got the goals for Teddington.

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Slick Fernandez spoils Coetzer's party plans

BY ALIX RAMSAY

IT WAS hardly the dream final George Hendon had in mind to mark the end of the eighteenth and last Brighton International tennis tournament and it was hardly the birthday celebration Amanda Coetzer had in mind to mark the start of her 25th year, as she was beaten 6-4, 7-5 by Mary Joe Fernandez.

Yet, for Fernandez the end of the Brighton era marks, she hopes, the beginning of an upturn in her fortunes. After a lifetime of struggling against a respiratory problem, the root cause, a type of asthma, has now been identified and is being kept under control with medication. And after a year dogged by illness — she was forced to miss the previous two tournaments through recurrence of the problem and only came to Brighton as a last-minute wild card entry — she feels fit and healthy and is looking forward to 1996.

"I guess I appreciate what I do more now," she said. "Before, when I kept getting sick, I thought I wouldn't be playing much longer. I had my big breakthrough in '93 and then went backwards for a while, so I still feel my best years are ahead of me."

Yesterday, against the diminutive Coetzer, Fernandez had to be smart as well as fit to earn her £50,000 winner's cheque. Both are counterpunchers from the back court with neither player fond of taking the initiative. But she was able to keep Coetzer guessing with a string of drop-shots and the occasional foray to the net which may not quite have been the stuff of former finals — in the days of Navratilova, of Evert and of Graf — but it was enough.

With 14 service breaks in the 22 games, holding serve became something of a novelty as Fernandez built up a 4-1 lead in the first set before becoming bogged down in a grim battle. Just when it looked as if Coetzer was becoming her own worst enemy, Fernandez would throw away a couple of points and the outcome was back in the balance. "She never allowed me to get into position but no, it hasn't ruined my birthday," Coetzer said.

Certainly the £23,000 she took away with her will have come as some compensation. As for George Hendon, tournament director, he was presented with yet another framed painting of Brighton. He announced: "The road to Brighton has been a long and a happy one for us." Unfortunately, top players and sponsors have been failing to make that journey — which brought about the death of the tournament.

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Doncaster continue to exercise jinx

THE most curious record of the Budweiser basketball league season so far must belong to Doncaster Panthers whose only two wins have come at the expense of Worthing Bears, who are otherwise unbeaten (Nicholas Harling writes).

Doncaster's 106-96 victory in overtime on the South Coast came with the help of 28 points from Doug Etzler, their new American guard. Etzler's first seven points in overtime gave his side a lead that was too much even for Colin Irish to pull back. The Worthing player-coach collected 35 including the late basket that forced the extra five minutes. The 25 points from Alan Cunningham also proved in vain.

Manchester Giants scored the first 15 points of the match yesterday at Hemel Hempstead but only prevailed 88-82 by surviving a 19-6 final-quarter burst from the Royals, who were without Jason Siemon. Alex Beason was the Giant's top scorer for the first time since joining them by scoring 19 points.

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Whitaker back on song

EQUESTRIANISM: Michael Whitaker enjoyed a welcome upturn in fortunes when riding Let's Go II, a 13-year old gelding acquired just six weeks ago, to victory in the Derby at the Monterrey show. Designed by Pamela Carruthers, the 1,100-metre course proved testing for horse and rider alike, with the majority of errors occurring towards the end of the rounds. Nick Skelton, drawn fourth, had given Everest Sublime an excellent ride until the second from home, fence 15, when the faintest of raps brought down a pole for four faults. However, his fast time was sufficient to earn seventh place overall.

Hugo Simon, of Austria, also with four faults, had led the field until the midway point when he was overhauled by the first clear round of the competition from Alexandra Ledermann, of France. Their lead was shortlived as they were overtaken two riders later by Jose Madariaga, of Mexico, and then by Whitaker.

De Lorenzi ahead



GOLF: Fifth place for Marie-Laure de Lorenzi, right, in the Spanish Open women's tournament at La Manga Club took her more than one hundred points clear of her closest rival, Laura Davies, at the top of the Solheim Cup standings. The Australian, Rachel Hetherington, shot a closing round of 68 on Saturday to clinch her second title of the season. Britain's Lisa Hackney finished third to record her best placing in Europe.

Stanhope fastest home

ROWING: Richard Stanhope, a former international, was the fastest competitor in the Marlow Sculls on Saturday. He was followed home by Rob Clegg, the new Oxford University Boat Club president. Clegg was ably backed by other university performers and the Boat Race hopefuls won the day's team prize. Putney Town RC and the Capital Rowing Centre, whose previous premises burnt down in 1992, saw three years of effort come to fruition on Saturday with the opening of their new boathouse at Chiswick Bridge.

MacDonald strikes

HOCKEY: Sue MacDonald, the Glasgow Western striker, scored a goal in each half to secure Great Britain a 3-1 win over Spain in Madrid yesterday and complete a 2-1 series victory. Great Britain were beaten 2-1 in their first match but responded to the demand for improvement by their manager, Jenny Cardwell, with a 3-0 victory on Saturday over the Olympic champions. They continued in the same vein yesterday. Jane Sixsmith scored Great Britain's first goal in the fifth minute.

Jets achieve lift-off

ICE HOCKEY: Slough Jets are coming to grips with life in the premier division of the British League, and they won their second successive game 7-6 against Newcastle Warriors (Norman de Mesquita writes). Nottingham Panthers and Sheffield Steelers retained unbeaten records with wins over Durham Wasps and Cardiff Devils, but Basingstoke Bison suffered their first loss, beaten 9-3 by Fife Flyers. Manchester Storm's victory against Medway Bears was their sixth in as many outings.

Edberg triumphs



TENNIS: Stefan Edberg, of Sweden, right, won his first tournament in nearly ten months when he beat Andrea Gaudenzi, of Italy, 6-3, 6-1, 7-6 in the final of the Hong Kong Championships yesterday. The 29-year-old Swede, who admitted earlier this week he was no longer at the top, played some of his best tennis to pick up the $220,000 prize. The former world No1 last won in Qatar in early January.

Douce back on track

CYCLING: Steve Douce, Britain's most consistent cyclo-cross champion for the last decade, had reason to be happy with his return to competition yesterday even though he did not win the opening round of the national trophy series at Maryon Wilson Park, Charlton, in southeast London. He finished fifth to mountain bike specialist Tim Gould in the 16½-mile event, two minutes 22 seconds in arrears, clearly showing that the serious injuries he received in a near-fatal crash in a race last May are still a problem.

Joyful scenes at St Andrews as Zimbabwe are overcome in Dunhill Cup final

Flag-waving Coltart leads Scotland home

BY JOHN HOPKINS
GOLF CORRESPONDENT

COLIN MONTGOMERIE and Sam Torrance, who will pursue their individual challenges to become the leading player in Europe in Spain later this week, were united yesterday by Scotland's passionate success in winning the Alfred Dunhill Cup at St Andrews for the first time. Montgomerie, 32, and Torrance, 42, and particularly Andrew Coltart, 25, combined to beat Zimbabwe 2-1 on a grey, damp afternoon over the Old Course amid scenes of rare excitement.

As this medal-match play competition came to its conclusion, Coltart stood at the top of the steps leading up from the 18th green with a flag bearing the cross of St Andrew stretched high above his head.

Well might the young hero indulge in such overt chauvinism. He had played outstanding golf over the first two days — ten under par for 36 holes — and capped the week of his life by going around the Old Course in 67, including a hole in one at the 8th, in the final.

First, Torrance, with tears welling in his eyes, strode up the stone steps to embrace Coltart. Later he would say that his feelings at that moment were very similar to the moments of victory in the Ryder Cup — "except we get paid for this," he joked. Then came Montgomerie, his face wreathed in smiles and hands outstretched. "Well done, mate," he said to his young colleague.

Nothing the Scots said to one another could exceed the generous tributes paid to them by Tony Johnstone, Mark McNulty and Nick Price, the vanquished Zimbabweans. "To finish second to Scotland at the home of golf is no disgrace," Johnstone, who had been outscored 67-71 by Coltart, said. Price, who beat Montgomerie 68-74 and as well as being undefeated in his five matches beat the previous record aggregate by five strokes, added, equally generously: "Hats off to the Scottish guys. They are something special."

Twice before Scotland have reached the final of this competition and lost. All Scotland wanted a victory this time and, after two months in which the Walker and Ryder Cups were wrested away from the Americans somewhat against the odds, there was a chance that the third time might prove lucky for the home team. The £100,000 each that Coltart, Torrance and Montgomerie took home will enhance their bank balances but their hearts will have been warmed by the feat of winning the competition that has been played at the home of golf since its inception in 1985.

Each Scot won four matches out of five. Coltart was nine under par, Torrance five under and Montgomerie four under. Coltart was never in real danger against Johnstone from the moment he holed out with a six-iron on the 8th. Torrance pulled away from McNulty by birdying the 12th and then moving a further stroke clear when McNulty bogied the 13th. Torrance eventually won 68-70.

Only Montgomerie was unable to cope with his opponent and, since it was Price, who is ranked third in the world, it is not surprising. Perhaps it was the pain in Montgomerie's left wrist, about which he will see a consultant today, that made him push his second shot out into the whins on the 5th, run up a seven and allow Price to move three strokes clear.

At 3.40 in the afternoon, a band struck up *Flower of Scotland* near the British Golf Museum behind the Royal and Ancient golf clubhouse. They were practising but, as the competition was far from over, there were some lugubrious, pessimistic Scots who thought this was a brazen tempting of fate, albeit that Coltart and Torrance had handsome leads with only a few holes remaining. It turned out to be nothing of the sort. Moments later, Coltart was acknowledging the applause from spectators lined down the right of the first hole, up the side of the 18th and from behind the most famous green in golf as well.

That was Scotland's first point of the match. Then Torrance hit a deft pitch and run through the Valley of Sin and two-putted to ensure the vital second point.

It did not matter now that Montgomerie was waiting to play to the green back down the fairway and down in his match; nor that Price would execute a pitch and run even more delicate and accurate than Torrance's and hole for a three, his fourth birdie of the round. The Cup and the day already belonged to Scotland.



Coltart, left, Torrance, holding trophy, and Montgomerie pose with the Dunhill Cup after yesterday's emotional success at the home of golf. Photograph: Ian Stewart

DETAILS

GROUP ONE: United States 1 Canada 2 (United States names first). P Jacobsen 71 lost to R Stewart 71 at 19th; L Janzen 73 lost to R Gibson 72; B Crenshaw 68 bt D Barr 72. Sweden 1 Ireland 2 (Sweden names first): J Sandelin 67 bt D Clarke 70; J Parnevik 72 lost to P Walton 72 at 19th; P-U Johansson 71 lost to R Rafferty 68.

	P	W	L	G	Sh	Pts
Ireland	3	3	0	7	635	3
Sweden	3	1	2	5	639	1
Canada	3	1	2	3	653	1
United States	3	1	2	3	635	1

GROUP TWO: Scotland 2 South Africa 1 (Scotland names first): A Coltart 75 lost to E Els 70; S Torrance 68 bt R Goosen 70; C Montgomerie 69 bt D Frost 71. Germany 2 Taiwan 1 (Germany names first): S Struver 68 bt Chung Chun-Hsing 75; H P Thuel 77 bt Lu Wen-Teh 78; A Cejka 70 lost to Chen Liang-Hsi 68.

	P	W	L	G	Sh	Pts
Scotland	3	3	0	8	635	3
South Africa	3	2	1	6	636	2
Germany	3	1	2	3	649	1
Taiwan	3	0	3	1	679	0

GROUP THREE: Wales 2 Japan 1 (Wales names first): I Woosnam 72 bt H Kase 73; M Mouland 71 lost to T Watanabe 70; P Affleck 69 bt N Serizawa 71. Zimbabwe 3 New Zealand 0 (Zimbabwe names first): T Johnstone 73 bt G Turner 74; N Price 68 bt F Nobilo 71; M McNulty 70 bt M Campbell 72.

	P	W	L	G	Sh	Pts
Zimbabwe	3	3	0	8	627	3
Wales	3	2	1	5	639	2
New Zealand	3	1	2	2	644	1
Japan	3	0	3	3	649	0

GROUP FOUR: Argentina 1 Spain 2 (Argentina names first): V Fernandez 68 bt M A Jimenez 74; E Romero 72 lost to J Rivero 70; J Coceres 73 lost to I Garrido 71.

	P	W	L	G	Sh Pts
Spain	3	2	1	5	646 2
Australia	3	2	1	4	635 2
England	3	1	2	5	655 1
Argentina	3	1	2	4	643 1

(Spain qualify on more individual games won)

Australia 0 England 3 (Australia names first): S Elkington 73 lost to B Lane 72; G Norman 69 lost to M James 68; C Parry 70 lost to H Clark 69.

SEMI-FINALS: Scotland 2 Ireland 1 (Scotland names first): A Coltart 75 bt P Walton 76; C Montgomerie 70 bt D Clarke 72; S Torrance 74 lost to R Rafferty 73. Zimbabwe 2 Spain 1 (Zimbabwe names first). T Johnstone 71 lost to M Jimenez 70; N Price 69 bt J Rivero 70. M McNulty bt I Garrido disq.

FINAL: Scotland 2 Zimbabwe 1 (Scotland names first): A Coltart 67 bt T Johnstone 71; S Torrance 68 bt M McNulty 70; C Montgomerie 74 lost to N Price 68

Swail fends off Ebdon fightback to move into last eight

BY PHIL YATES

AS THE saying goes, a bad workman always blames his tools but, over the past couple of years, few in snooker believed that Joe Swail's saga of cue problems were anything other than empty excuses.

For the past two months Swail, a player with enormous natural ability, has been forming a lucrative acquaintance with a cue with which he finally feels comfortable. The new-found confidence which has developed in his game was apparent during a 5-3 victory over Peter Ebdon in the last 16 of the Skoda Grand Prix at Sunderland yesterday.

Swail, stunned into adopting a more dedicated approach by his relegation from the world's top 16 at the end of last season, eliminated Ken Doherty and Jimmy White en route to the quarter-finals of the Thailand Classic earlier this month.

He is scoring heavily again, the accuracy of his long potting has returned and, as he conclusively proved against Ebdon, the former Irish professional champion from Belfast has regained the ability to stand firm under pressure.

Swail led 3-0 but Ebdon, winner of the Grand Prix in 1993, impressively won three of the next four frames with breaks of 95, 77 and 62 to trail by only 4-3. Given Ebdon's history of producing fightbacks from similar positions, Swail looked decidedly vulnerable. However, Swail required only one opportunity in the eighth frame as a run of 91 earned him a meeting with Doherty or Alan McManus in the last eight.

Ebdon was unhappy with his performance after coming into the event with the highest possible expectations. "I couldn't believe how badly I played in the early stages because I've been hitting the ball really well lately," Ebdon said. "I honestly thought I would win the tournament, no matter who I played."

Stephen Hendry, attempting to capture the Grand Prix title for a record fourth time, became the first player through to the quarter-finals with a 5-0 victory, which took just 64 minutes, over Darren Morgan, an opponent he has now beaten in 11 of their 12 meetings.

Cronje and McMillan plot fall of Zimbabwe

ZIMBABWE sustained two heavy defeats in one-day international cricket matches against South Africa in Harare at the weekend, losing by 112 runs yesterday and 134 runs on Saturday.

Although Heath Streak took three early wickets yesterday, South Africa recovered to score 239. Zimbabwe made only 127 in reply with Hansie Cronje, the South Africa captain, taking four for 33 with his medium-pace bowling.

South Africa were 28 for three after Streak removed Dave Richardson, Gerhardus Liebenberg and Rudolph Steyn. But Adrian Kuiper and Jonty Rhodes repaired the innings with half-centuries and Pat Symcox struck 35 from 42 balls at the end. The total looked below average on an even surface but the Zimbabwe batsmen were uncomfortable against a relentlessly accurate seam attack. Zimbabwe collapsed to 55 for five and the match quickly ended.

On Saturday, Brian McMillan hit a century to lead South Africa to their biggest margin of victory in a one-day match. Their total of 303 for five was their second-highest.

McMillan made 127, a career best in limited-overs matches, from 122 balls, hitting 14 fours and three sixes. Only Dave Callaghan, with 169 not out against New Zealand in 1994, has made a bigger score for South Africa in one-day internationals.

In front of a record crowd of 12,000, Zimbabwe were soon in trouble at 68 for six and, although Alistair Campbell halted the slide with an unbeaten 67, the home side finished well beaten on 169 for seven in their 50 overs.

☐ Australia won the inaugural indoor World Cup in Birmingham yesterday, beating New Zealand 130-61 in a one-sided final. The favourites won all seven of their matches during the competition. England took third place by beating South Africa 118-96.

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Malcolm enjoys dual role but gets his priority right

FROM MICHAEL HENDERSON IN JOHANNESBURG

IT IS not often given to a sportsman to be a standard-bearer, particularly when he is a foreigner and far from home, but Devon Malcolm in South Africa is a special case. Malcolm's significance as the only black cricketer on either side in the forthcoming Test series is lost on nobody here, least of all the South Africans, and the Derbyshire fast bowler is rehearsing a public role no cricketer before him has been asked to play.

Whether or not he is properly match fit he will play in the opening first-class fixture of the tour, the four-day game against the Invitation XI which begins in Soweto on Friday. Given the nature of the occasion, England are duty-bound to select him although the diplomatic niceties should end there. Otherwise Malcolm runs the risk of becoming a goodwill envoy rather than a cricketer.

Malcolm is aware of his special position as unofficial ambassador for black cricketers but he is concentrating more on his primary task — to confound South African batsmen with his speed. After talking to young boys in the Alexandra township on Saturday, when England participated in another diplomatic venture, he reminded them that his reason for being there was not to act as a role model for underprivileged blacks but to send their country's best batsmen packing.

South Africans need little reminding of his ability. The last time the teams met, at the Oval in August 1994, Malcolm's nine for 57 on that never-to-be-forgotten Saturday bowled England to a famous victory and squared the three-Test series. The South African batting order is not written in stone and some players may find the memory of that match unsettling.

Malcolm, by no means an automatic choice himself, is keen to assert himself at the head of the bowlers on the fast — or fastish — pitches on which England expect to play in the first three Tests at Pretoria, Johnannesburg and Durban. When Michael Atherton was asked by locals to assess the power of the South African attack he preferred to stress the pace of the bowlers he could call on and, being the fastest, Malcolm will not lack opportunity.

"I hope that everything goes right in the preparations leading up to the first Test," Malcolm, who is approaching full fitness after a knee cartilage operation in August, said. "Although I feel good I have to build up gradually. I don't want to be blazing from the first ball in the nets."

For all his importance to the team in a series that will revolve largely around fast bowlers and how batsmen on both sides play them, Malcolm knows that England have overlooked him in the past. "I would like some support from the manager and captain," he said.

He went on: "I am extremely dangerous on quick, bouncy pitches but I can also bowl well on less pacey ones. Last winter, the pitch I did the most damage on was Adelaide, which is meant to be the best batting pitch in Australia. I don't want to think that if I don't bowl the other team out, or take ten wickets in the match, then I will be dropped for the next match."

As for his his new celebrity status, Malcolm does not promise more than he can deliver: "I am aware of it and I will try my best to encourage the young people here."



Malcolm endears himself to some young supporters in Johannesburg yesterday. Photograph: Graham Morris

Pakistan recall for Salim Malik

BY SIMON WILDE

SALIM MALIK, having been cleared of attempted match-fixing by a Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) inquiry, has been selected for his country's tour of Australia and New Zealand.

Australia is the home of his accusers, so a potentially inflammatory three-match Test series between the countries — which opens in Brisbane on November 9 — is in prospect. The Australian Cricket Board (ACB) was quick yesterday to say that it had no objection to Malik's selection and expressed the hope that the media would concentrate on the cricket.

The inquiry was destined to run aground once the Australian players at the centre of the allegations, Tim May and Shane Warne, refused to travel to Pakistan to provide testimony. The ACB had offered to produce the two players once the Pakistanis reached Australia, but the offer was rejected by the inquiry.

Malik's recall is nevertheless a surprise. He has rarely played since his dismissal as Pakistan captain in March and Arif Ali Abbasi, the principled chief executive of the PCB, had indicated that there were reasons beyond allegations of attempted bribery for Malik's absence.

Such talk is forgotten now. Without Malik's leadership or runs, Pakistan began losing regularly, not least to Sri Lanka, causing an outcry at home. Neither Moin Khan nor Ramiz Raja shone as captain. Prospects of a successful defence of the World Cup began to look bleak.

Wasim Akram was named yesterday as captain of the party. It will be his second spell in command, the first having ended in a revolt by the players two years ago, which led to Malik's emergence. Malik's return will not be made easier by the presence in the party of Basit Ali and Rashid Latif, who walked out of a tour of southern Africa led by Malik earlier this year and whom he later threatened with legal action. Also back in favour, as team manager, is Intikhab Alam who takes over from Mushtaq Mohammad.

The Pakistanis leave for Australia tomorrow and play their first match against an ACB Chairman's XI near Perth on Thursday. Warne will be among the opposition but Malik will miss this opportunity, long awaited, to "confront his accusers". He was due to travel four days after the main party.

PAKISTAN PARTY: Wasim Akram (captain), Aamir Nazir, Aamir Sohail, Aqib Javed, Ata-ur-Rehman, Basit Ali, Inzamam-ul-Haq, Mohammad Akram, Moin Khan, Mushtaq Ahmed, Ramiz Raja, Rashid Latif, Saeed Anwar, Salim Elahi, Salim Malik, Saqlain Mushtaq, Waqar Younis

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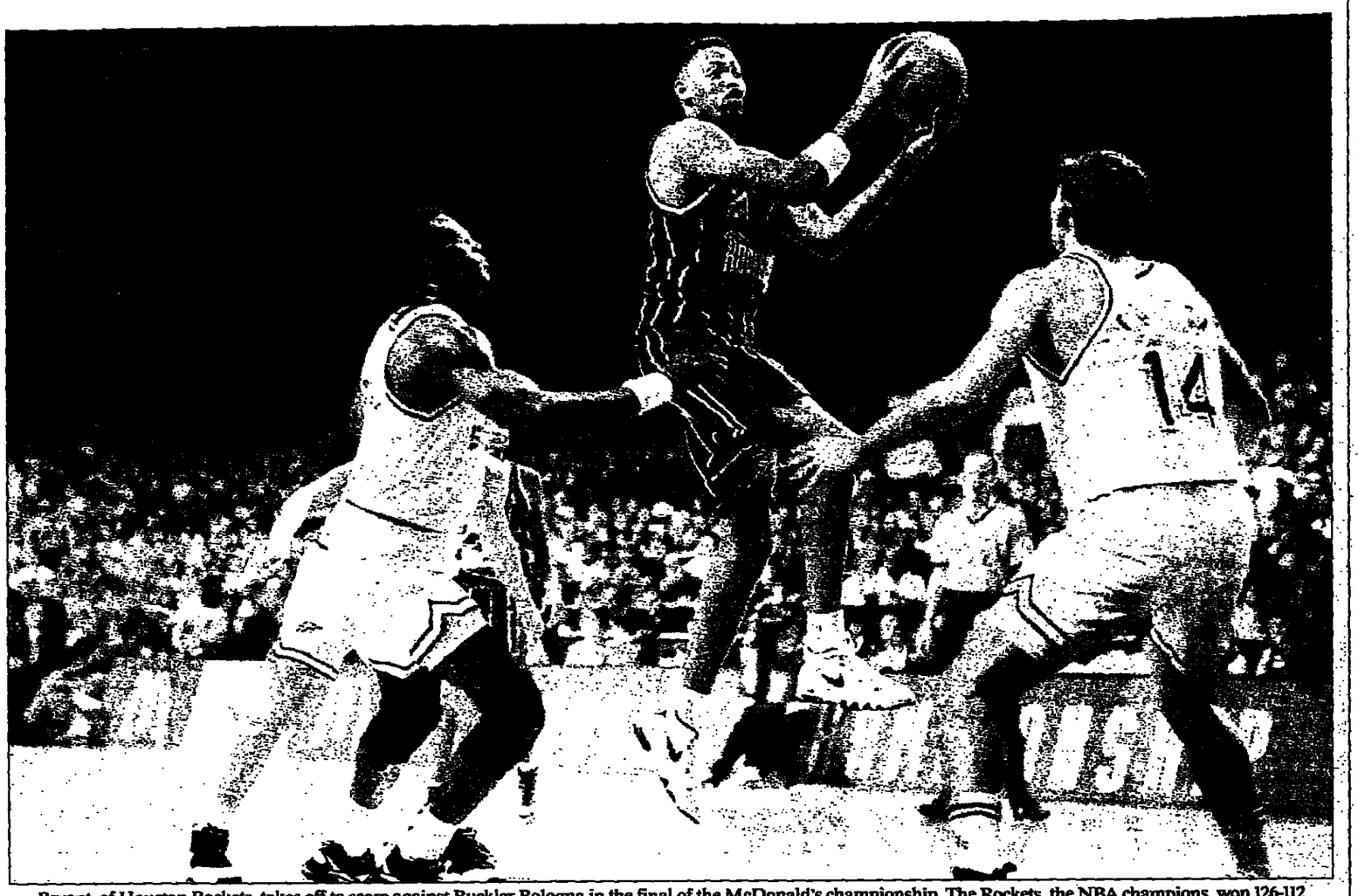


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English basketball still struggling to break clear of the sporting backwaters

Rockets-led revolution on a slow burner



Bryant, of Houston Rockets, takes off to score against Buckler Bologna in the final of the McDonald's championship. The Rockets, the NBA champions, won 126-112

If there was extra vigour in the local derby at the Brixton Recreation Centre yesterday, a little more swagger and arrogance, it was probably the fault of Houston Rockets. The basketball circus might have left town that day, but the tricks were still warm and the memories strong.

The previous night, at the final of the McDonald's club championship at London Arena, Marvin Ambrosius had won a Hakeem Olajuwon ball and bag for hitting ten shots in a row. He had also met Julius Irving — his idol "Dr J" — and was still buzzing from the moment as he led his Brixton Top Cats against Crystal Palace in a critical under-19 league fixture.

"I eat, drink, sleep basketball, and when I'm not doing any of those I'm practising or playing," Ambrosius said. He takes his basketball to school, even to parties sometimes, practising his dribbling in any free time. His knowledge of the players in the National Basketball Association (NBA) is encyclopaedic, and although just 15, his career-plan has already been mapped out in his dreams.

"This can be a job for me, either in Europe or even the NBA," he said. "I think every day about playing for the Rockets or the Bulls." He has the NBA-speak to prove it, too. "I just want to be the best I can possibly be."

David Stern, the commissioner of the NBA and one of the most powerful men in sport, could have been thinking of Ambrosius as he described the "aspirational" importance of Houston Rockets' much-heralded appearance in London last week. The quotation marks round the word aspirational are his.

The Rockets are the NBA champions, and the fact that they agreed to play in the McDonald's championship was greeted in some quarters as a turning point in the fortunes of English basketball. Another turning point, another revolution. How many times has that been heard about basketball.

"I think 'turning point' is a bit *dramatic*," Stern said, his New York drawl squeezing every last stress out of the middle syllable. "There is a need for continuity and consistency, working with the leagues, working with television and sponsors so that we have a cumulative effect. A kid walks into the video store and sees an NBA video, he buys an NBA computer game, he watches MTV, drinks Coke, eats McDonald's, all supporting baksetball. It always works in the end, but who knows where on the cycle we might make the hit?"

The NBA's drip technique is a chilling example of what can be done with good image, good public relations, massive television exposure and, of course, wardrobes full of NBA merchandise. At the London Arena, replica shirts were being sold at £40, jackets £85, T-shirts £15, with 50 per cent of proceeds going straight into the pockets of the multimillionaire players. If you cannot find a court or a coach — and, in this country, both are scarce — then at least you can look like a real player.

Stern does not try to hide the fact that his job depends on increasing the revenue for his employers, owners of the NBA franchises, and that means selling more T-shirts and more television. The NBA's interest in promoting the game itself is not philanthropic. The one way to sell more gear is to get more kids playing. Promoting national leagues like the Budweiser League in England, still relatively weak after all these years, is good only for providing a local stepping stone to the NBA.

The American market is saturated, so expansion has to come from the rest of the world, which Stern quaintly terms "offshore". A deal with Chinese state television to show the NBA package is one step on the road to the "globalisation" (Stern's word again) of basketball: setting up an office in London, the first in Europe outside the main office in Geneva, in the new year a reflection of how seriously the NBA is taking market resistance in the United Kingdom.

"Maybe, there will be countries where we have to say: 'Hey, it's not going to be a great sport here'," Stern said. The UK, maybe? "No, I don't think so. We just have to work harder to make the sport work at the grass roots level. In the end, it's all to do with kids being drawn to the game, because it's more their sport than yours."

Proof of that could be found in the youthful faces of the Top Cats yesterday. The Top Cats, one of the strongest clubs in the land, have 70 members and five teams, from senior down to under-11s, which is mixed. One of their female graduates, Andrea Congreaves, is now earning $60,000 a year playing in Italy; another, Steve Bucknall, who went to school in Tulse Hill, once played for the Los Angeles Lakers. Scholarships to US colleges remain one way out for a number of talented players, but they are long-shots.

In terms of numbers, basketball is growing daily: in terms of facilities, painfully slowly. Jimmy Rogers, head coach of the Top Cats, has heard all the talk about basketball booms before, and he has been playing and coaching for 42 years since first playing on the roof — yes, the roof — of his school in Newcastle. "If you took the top three players from either side here," Rogers said, "they would be as good as their counterparts in the US.

"But even if one turns out to be the best player we've ever had in this country, what chance has he got? We have more kids now wanting to play but they have nowhere to play and no coaches, and our best players will go and not come back anyway." Nobody listening to Rogers's roars on the sidelines could doubt his passion for the game, any more than they could doubt the commitment of the NBA, which invested £3 million in bringing a touch of the NBA to the London Arena court, Houston Rockettes dancing girls and all. It is just a question of whether one will ever bear more than a passing resemblance to the other. The Top Cats have attracted little sponsorship and even less publicity so far.

"Basketball is perceived as a black sport, both here and in the US, but whether that's a problem, I don't know," Rogers said. "I used to think it might be a matter of race, but now I think it's more a matter of breaking down the establishment sports — cricket, rugby union, tennis — where all the money goes."

Still, like the Rockets, the Top Cats lived up to their name, beating the bigger boys from Palace 95-86. They also have a new court, built by Nike and opened by two Rockets players last week, to show the NBA's presence. "Now," Rogers said, wearily, "all we have to do is get the council to put some lights in." No wonder the Top Cats play beneath a bright yellow banner which reads: "Struggle is my life".

PHOTOGRAPH: ANDRÉ CAMARA



A more familiar basketball stage as Rogers, head coach of Brixton Top Cats, prepares for his team's game yesterday

American monopoly preserved as Houston fight back

BY NICHOLAS HARLING

MAYBE it is just as well that the very format of the McDonald's Championship now prevents it taking place more often than every two years. Were the gap between tournaments shorter, the Europeans might not be able to delude themselves that they are anything other than light years behind the Americans.

It was after the Houston Rockets had preserved the National Basketball Association's (NBA) record of success in the event that some of the Rockets made polite noises about the upwards curve of quality in Europe. Statistics do not necessarily bear them out.

Certainly there was an improvement by European teams over the first three finals. After the Soviet national squad had lost by 27 points to Milwaukee Bucks in 1987, Real Madrid went down by 15 to Boston Celtics and then, the following year, there were only six points in it when Jugoplastika Split succumbed to the Denver Nuggetts.

Sixteen was the margin when New York Knicks beat Pop 84 Split in 1990 before Joventut Badalona came closest of all to ending the monopoly in 1991 when Los Angeles Lakers pipped them by two points. This year Buckler Bologna did, at least, improve by eight points on 22-point losing margin against Phoenix Suns in 1993.

It was after Bologna had

Results 34

tumbled 126-112 to the Rockets in a packed London Arena on Saturday that the victorious coach, Rudy Tomjanovich, said: "I think the gap is closing. Some teams don't have the depth to play against NBA teams but there are quality players here, they are getting better. You can see the improvement. The coaching is of a high standard too."

Even when the Italians, spurred by three early baskets from their most experienced player, Orlando Woolridge, who just happens to be American, jumped into a 17-10 lead, there was never much doubt that the Rockets would claw their way back. That they eventually did so was due in no small way to Clyde Drexler, who, in the injury-enforced absence of Hakeem Olajuwon, assumed the main responsibility.

The game's outstanding marksman with 34 points, Woolridge was, in the opinion of many pundits, the most valuable player but Drexler who collected 25 points, took the award, presumably for the manner in which he led the Rockets to lift-off. A genial figure, both on and off court, he was genuinely moved to receive the Drazen Petrovic Trophy in honour of possible Europe's greatest player, who was killed on a car crash two years ago.

Girls need to be helped in sport

BY JOHN GOODBODY

FEMALE sport needs to be taken more seriously to stop teenage girls giving up physical activities while still at school, a Welsh report says. The investigation found that girls suffer many disadvantages, compared with boys, and that they see sport, apart from fitness activities such as aerobics, as playing only a small part in the lives of women.

Dr Huw Jones, of the Sports Council for Wales, said: "Parents treat girls very differently in terms of sports provision, giving a much higher priority to boys than to girls and to competitive sport rather than recreational."

The report, *Why Boys and Girls Come Out To Play*, is based on a survey of 11 to 13-year-olds conducted by University College, Swansea.

Dr Jones, the council's director of policy planning, said: "The report also shows there is a lack of prestige afforded to girls' sport. For example, in schools at Monday morning assembly the weekend's rugby and football results are usually announced before those of the hockey and netball teams.

Among the report's recommendations are to consider establishing more teams of varying ability for girls in the early years of secondary education; to give greater support of clubs for females and to forge links between those clubs and schools.

Schoolboys benefit playing both codes

BY NICK SZCZEPANIK

SPORT IN SCHOOLS

A RUGBY team at an independent school on the South Coast of England is far from unusual, but for the past seven years, Brighton College Junior School has run a rugby league side to compare with the best in their [under-13] age group; the main drawback is that their nearest regular opponents are hundreds of miles away in Yorkshire and Lancashire.

The teachers, John Peace and John Newman, originally offered the sport as a club option alongside origami and bridge, and the everybody-gets-a-game philosophy is maintained even against the most accomplished opposition.

"Because it's a club, we don't ask for the best, although sometimes we get them," Peace said. "One lad is in the third XV for rugby union, but he does a good job for us. If they have the right attitude, then it doesn't matter how strong or weak they are; if we can, we'll give them a game."

The codes co-exist comfortably at the school. "I see nothing but benefits, especially in handling skills and tackling," Brian Davis, who looks after union, said, "and the enthusiasm of these guys [Newman and Peace] is infectious."

A positive response from pupils prompted the two to become qualified coaches at sessions run by the former international, Bev Risman, and advice has been forthcoming from the great and the good of the northern code: Alex Murphy, Ray French and Garry Schofield have all offered encouragement. With the return of professional rugby league to the capital, a further opportunity for high-level input was seen, and the London Broncos will be holding a coaching session at Brighton today to which other local primary schools have been invited.

While the team has played at southern venues, a London select XIII was defeated before a university match at Crystal Palace, and school and club sides from Lancashire and Yorkshire have visited Brighton — northern tours are the highlights of the year. Players stay with local families and the experience is as much cultural as sporting. "We wanted someone to play, and I have a contact in Yorkshire, so we went up there," Newman explained. "Roger Grimes in St Helens read about us in *Open Rugby* magazine, and it snowballed." They have played several pre-match exhibition games at such famous rugby league venues as Headingley [Leeds] and Knowsley Road [St Helens]. On Good Friday 1990, Brighton's 44-8 victory against Haydock High School was a curtain-raiser to the St Helens-Wigan first division fixture, in front of an eventual crowd of 17,000.

At Headingley last year, the team came up against a junior side affiliated to Leeds, several of whom are destined to join the professional ranks. Although Brighton lost a bruising encounter 38-12 against physically stronger opponents, enthusiasm among players gathered to watch a video rerun was undiminished. "Some of them were so big we thought they were the coaches," one veteran said.

Are nerves a problem on big grounds? "The crowds at the beginning are small, so you don't notice them until you go off and then you see 11,000 people and think, Where did they all come from?" Apart from the glory, the attractions of the game were unanimously declared to be its speed and, in ear-splitting unison, "the tackling!"

Involvement with the sport usually ends when boys leave school at 13, but pioneering players of the early tours look back with affection. "I'm extremely grateful for the experience," Arthur Liu said. He is now in the senior school upper sixth and was invited to join Yorkshire club Oulton for training at Lilleshall — the only person there without a northern accent.

Although a Stissex triallist, most of his university choices are in the north and he hopes to renew his acquaintance with rugby league. Barney James remembers the team spirit: "You had people that weren't as talented, but really wanted to be there," he said. "It was a committed team, one of the best I've played there."

Apart from the chance to perform in front of large and appreciative crowds, there is another attraction for the boys of Brighton College Junior School to go north: through continued exposure to northern culture, they have developed a taste for mushy peas.



Rugby league is a 'club' activity for Brighton College boys. Photograph: Des Jenson

Homen adds voice to election concern

BY DAVID POWELL, ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT

CARL-OLAF HOMEN, the president of the European Athletic Association (EAA), voiced his concern this weekend over the outcome of his governing body's elections last week, at a time when Primo Nebiolo, the International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) president, stands accused of vote rigging.

Nebiolo brushed aside published allegations made by Jose Maria Odriozola, the president of the Spanish federation, that he had "managed to control the European association as a result of money and buying people", by describing Odriozola as "a frustrated man". Odriozola had responded, Nebiolo suggested, out of his failure to secure the European or world championships for Madrid and his lack of success in IAAF and EAA elections.

While Homen, a Finn, said that he "cannot accuse any special person of having interfered," he added: "I have got the feeling that there were intrigues and efforts from outside to influence the outcome of our elections."

Odriozola's views were aired in the Spanish media and a press release has been issued by the German federation taking a similar line. Odriozola, Schmitz-Broekhoff and Heiner Henze, the EAA secretary, were among those to lose their positions and Homen said: "In the new council there are many highly competent persons — I am not against a single one — but, unfortunately, there were some competent persons not re-elected. The greatest damage was that Mr Henze was not re-elected. He has been the motor of the EAA for the last four years."

The allegations against Nebiolo, which he denies, are that he promised financial help for national federations in return for their support of his candidates. Homen is now outflanked by eastern Europeans who are in his debt for assistance. After three chaotic years, the eastern European structure is improving.

Voted onto the 17-strong council, ahead of Odriozola, were a Russian and a Hungarian. "It is important to get regional balance and to get the strongest national federations represented," Homen said. "It is not good that two of the strongest federations, Germany and Spain, are not represented on the council."

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Australians struggle into final after extra time ordeal


Hill: villain turned hero

Australia	30
New Zealand	20

(after extra time, score at 80min 20-20)
BY CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

IT WAS seemingly a predictable Antipodean affair. At 20-6, Australia were coasting into the World Cup final with 20 minutes left, when the storm hit them. That it did not wash the world champions overboard was due to New Zealand's sheer exhaustion in having forced an extraordinary second semi-final to extra time at Huddersfield yesterday.

New Zealand stood two kicks away from Wembley on Saturday, after Kevin Iro had surged over on the right two minutes from the end of normal time. Matthew Ridge, the captain, successful with four previous efforts, lined up the conversion from the touch-line, but his connection was poor and aim even worse. If his dropped kick in injury time had sailed a little truer from 40 metres, it could also have won the match, but the fates were not with New Zealand.

Rugby league is hard enough for 80 minutes; 100 are a physical impossibility. It was the last team left standing. Tries in either extra period by Hill, villain turned hero following his sin-binning just before Iro's equalising touchdown, and Fittler, saw a relieved Australia through to the final with England.

Bob Fulton, the Australia coach, appeared visibly drained by the experience, but looked on the positive side: "I think that should put us in good stead for the final," he said. Mentally, certainly, Australia will have toughened up. Not that they should have allowed such a situation to arise.

Against a side they whitewashed 3-0 in the recent Trans-Tasman series, history was repeating itself. New Zealand have gone four years since last beating Australia, and the Kangeroos were 14 points ahead by the hour mark, but the game then began careering out of their control.

Until that point, New Zealand had done little more than turn up at the McAlpine Stadium. On the rations of three penalties by Ridge, in a game that had barely raised itself above the mediocre, the long-awaited orchestration of their many great solo parts belatedly clicked.

The 14-point arrears were irresistibly chipped away by the sort of flowing rugby they have looked capable off on paper but rarely shown in practice. The catalyst was Ngamu, who came on at stand-off half for the injured Kemp at the break. For the first try, his long ball found Iro and Blackmore, in a two-man tackle, managed to slip Barnett free on the inside.

Australia were apparently unflustered, until a knock-on by Brasher reasserted New Zealand pressure. This time Tony Iro, Kevin's younger brother, met Ngamu's pass on an angled and unstoppable run in which he held off Larson. At 20-16, blind panic gripped Australia, culminating in Hill's temporary removal for blatant interference on Paul, and 12 men were no match for the rampant Kiwis.

Paul, now buzzing at dummy half, found Ridge and Australia's cover was blown on the right. Blackmore found the elder Iro, and he ducked under the challenge of Brasher for a try that sent a large Kiwi contingent into raptures. But with Ridge failing to convert, there was the sense that Australia could recover their poise.

This duly materialised, when Hill, only back on a minute, was involved in a breakout down the left and he was up in support for the final delivery by Matthew Johns. Finler's try put Australia beyond reach, which they had been 40 minutes previously.

Toovey and Andrew Johns were instrumental in the opening tries by Brasher and Menzies. There was a brief respite for New Zealand of two penalties by Ridge before Coyne went over before half-time and Menzies, on a brilliant solo run from 70 metres, shot over shortly afterwards. Australia would rather forget the next 20 minutes in getting their minds right for their return to Wembley.

SCORERS: Australia: Tries: Menzies (2), Brasher, Coyne. Hill. Fittler Goals: A Johns (6) New Zealand. Tries: Barnett, Tiro, Kiwi Goals: Ridge (4)

AUSTRALIA: T Brasher (Sydney Tigers); R Wishart (Illawarra, sub: R O'Davis, Newcastle Knights, 40); T Hill (Manly); M Coyne (St George), B Dallas (Sydney Bulldogs); B Fittler (Penrith), G Toovey (Manly), D Pay (Sydney Bulldogs, sub: M Johns (Newcastle Knights, 56); A Johns (Newcastle Knights), M Carroll (Manly, sub: J Smith (Sydney Bulldogs, 57); S Menzies (Manly), G Larson (North Sydney), J Dymock (Sydney Bulldogs, sub: N Kosef, Manly, 56)

NEW ZEALAND: M Ridge (Manly), S Hoppe (Auckland), R Blackmore (Auckland), K Iro (Leeds), R Barnett (Cronulla), T Kemp (Leeds, sub: Ngamu, Auckland, 40); S Jones (Auckland), J Lomax (Canberra, sub: T Iro, Sydney City, 55); H Paul (Wigan), J Lowrie (Sydney City, sub: H Okesene, Auckland, 70), S Kearney (Auckland), Q Pongia (Canberra), M Horo (Sydney Wests, sub: R Wiki, Canberra, 62 min)

Referee: R Smith (England)

England spoilt for choice in key scrum half role as World Cup nears climax against Australia

Goulding and Edwards pose final dilemma

England	25
Wales	10

BY CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

IN HIS first act of punditry now that the rugby (league) boots are presumably hung up, Jonathan Davies, the retired Wales captain, forecast a home victory in the Halifax World Cup final on Saturday, providing that England play to their potential.

After negotiating the Welsh foothills at Old Trafford, Australia loom large in the Wembley re-enactment of the match a fortnight ago. It is because England have not yet peaked that Davies favours them. On the basis that there is scope for improvement over their performance in the semi-final on Saturday, how best England fulfil that scope is the most pressing concern.

Winning a contest every bit as thunderous and abrasive as predicted, and with the comfort of five tries to one, was satisfying enough to Phil Larder, the England coach. However, suspect ball control, with nine handling errors to Wales's three, and an 8-5 penalty count against them, will place the emphasis this week on another of Larder's favourite topics — discipline.

What gave him heart were the chances, not always taken, that England created — and a dilemma he faces at scrum half for the final. The choice is between Shaun Edwards, his injured captain, who is hoping to have his infected knee cured by Saturday, and Bobbie Goulding — whose displays have forced, in turn, Fiji, South Africa and Wales to bend the knee before England.

Edwards is the artful dodger, Goulding a pickpocket of even more refined cunning. "I've a few things up my sleeve," Goulding said, whose best trick is the one opponents go on falling for: cross-field kicks. Be they long, short, high or low, over the opposition defence, even carrying the risk of interception, Goulding's vision is such that he can connect like a quarterback with his wide receiver.

On Saturday, Martin Offiah, with Moriarty in the sin-bin and the reduced Welsh cover compressed and 20 yards away, was underneath Goulding's high kick for a first try that did wonders for his confidence. Offiah failed properly to ground his second, from Goulding's precise chip on the run, in beating Devereux to the bounce, which posed a question over the in-goal judge for allowing it. Nonetheless, 15 points clear, England were out of sight, if not in Welsh minds.

The mini-revival of a try by Phillips which was cancelled out by Goulding's last minute release of Clarke on an angled and unstoppable charge, fired the spirit of the Welsh backs. They were chasing the game, but had they slipped their leash any earlier, would simply have been overrun by the rampant English pack, spearheaded by Jackson's teasing, relentless display.

Jackson's perpetual motion was matched by Farrell, at the organisational hub, with Goulding in midfield. The loose forward was the creative link in the first-half tries by Newlove and Betts, before a groin strain brought about his precautionary withdrawal. With Clarke, too, in irresistible form, the back-row is one Larder will leave alone.

It might be difficult, too, to shift Radlinski, so assured was the teenager at full back. His cover tackle to halt Sullivan in full flight late in the game was devastating; under the high ball, he was exemplary. If Gary Connolly is fully fit, he might now come in at centre for Pinkney, whose attacking potential never outweighed defence frailities.

Half back is the key area, though. Should Larder dare omit Edwards for the more talismanic qualities of Goulding, who said the shirt would have to be pulled from his back? There is always the option of playing Edwards alongside Goulding at stand-off half, but the Wigan player has made known his feelings on that. On the basis of his partnership with Goulding on Saturday, Tony Smith will also be difficult to budge, even if Daryl Powell gets over his calf injury. As for Wales, they have lost an icon in Davies, but gained a reputation, a ground swell of support at home and an heir apparent. Iestyn Harris, 19, is significant for not coming from rugby union. He is feted as a rugby league player of bold intuition, strong nerve, timing, lightness of touch and a side-step peculiar to him.

"He's not the next Jonathan Davies — he's the first Iestyn Harris," Davies said.

Davies is not a man given to strong emotions, but they got the better of him at the finish.

He spoke passionately of his love for rugby league, the rewards it had brought him and the fact that players from Wales might still cross the rugby divide to prove them themselves. He is 33 tomorrow. After six years, with nothing left to prove in his adopted game, it is time to go home, for the sake of family, mind and body; and for Warrington and Cardiff to reach an agreement.

SCORERS: England: Tries: Offiah (2), Newlove, Betts, Clarke. Goals: Farrell, Goulding. Dropped goal: Goulding. Wales: Try: Phillips. Goals: Davies (3).

ENGLAND: K Radlinski (Wigan); J Robinson (Wigan), N Pinkney (Keighley), P Newlove (Bradford), M Offiah (Wigan), A Smith (Castleford), B Goulding (St Helens); K Harrison (Halifax, sub: D Sampson, Castleford, 54min), L Jackson (Newcastle Knights), A Platt (Auckland, sub: M Cassidy, Wigan, 67mins), D Betts (Wigan), P Clarke (Sydney City), A Farrell (Wigan, sub: S Haighton (Wigan 63).

WALES: I Harris (Warrington); J Devereux (Widnes), S Gibbs (St Helens), A Bateman (Cronulla), A Sullivan (St Helens); J Davies (Warrington), K Ellis (North Queensland); K Skerrett (Wigan, sub: R Phillips, Workington, 59), M Hall (Wigan; sub: K Cunningham, St Helens, 59), D Young (Salford; sub: M Jones, Warrington, 56), P Moriarty (Halifax), S Quinnell (Wigan; sub: Skerrett 69), R Eyres (Leeds).

Referee: E Ward (Australia)

PAUL BARKER


Clarke, of England, bursts through the Wales defence during the semi-final at Old Trafford

Big steps by small countries

THE advance of the South Pacific countries in the World Cup has also been seen in the seven-country emerging nations event with the arrival of the Cook Islands (population 14,000) in the final, against Ireland, at Bury Football Club tomorrow (Christopher Irvine writes).

With just three clubs, Titikaveka, Tupapa-Maraerenga and Ngatangiia-Matavera, it makes competition tricky on the islands, but the smallest nation in the competition have made the biggest impact in beating Russia 58-20, the United States 64-6 and Scotland 21-10.

Expatriates in New Zealand and Australia form the basis of a high-speed and aggressive side, who have outpaced and flattened allcomers. A gifted half back pair in Ali Davys, the former Gold Coast scrum half, and Craig Bowen, a stand-off at Illawarra, have proved the ideal foil to a powerful pack containing Denvour Johnston, the former New Zealand hooker, and Craig Temu, of Oldham. Ngere Tariu, on the left wing, is the tournament's leading try-scorer with six so far.

The islanders are narrow favourites to beat Ireland, who had to play one game less in reaching the final. They defeated Moldova 48-26, a triumph for Gavin Gordon, 17, rugby league's first schoolboy international player, with three tries, and Morocco 42-6.

Martin Crompton, the Oldham scrum half, heads a wealth of past and present professional experience in an island side on something of a roll since winning in the United States earlier this year and beating Scotland in Dublin in August.

Shedding a tear for Davies swansong



SIMON BARNES
At Old Trafford

EMOTION is a fine thing, an ineluctable part of any decent sporting occasion. There are some sports in which pure emotion will take you all the way. Alas for Wales, rugby league is not usually one of them.

Had this been a football match, Wales might have won, outgunned technically though they were. As it was, Wales were able to dominate only the the three phases of the match in which pure spirit is traditionally dominant.

These are the start, full of blazing commitment, the endgame's stand-busting last-ditch effort and, of course, the press conference. Wales won all of these splendid passages. But the midgame was all England.

Wales had the lead at one moment. It came, inevitably, from Jonathan Davies, the greatest of all union men to have turned to the harder game, who landed a penalty with his usual nerveless nonchalance. But the lead was not to last, and England, without ever looking like world-beaters, went ahead.

They settled the match in the midgame, thanks to Goulding's clever cross-pitch kicks, two cerebral efforts both converted into tries by Offiah. England held more or less firm through the late Welsh surge: three clear breaks for the line in the closing minutes, only one try. In the weary endgame when tacklers' arms and legs grow tired, Wales had their brief last chance and saw it pass them by.

But they won the press conference by a mile, and it was once again all down to Davies. The player, whose defection to league was one of the biggest blows Welsh rugby union has ever suffered, confirmed that this was, indeed, his last rugby league international.

"It meant a lot. The boys played their hearts out for the supporters. I'm not an emotional character, but I shed a few tears at the end of it." All this in a quavering voice that, like all Welsh voices, never seems far from emotional excess.

Odd, though, for Davies. He is the master of the implacable mask on the field of play: always a cold-eyed assassin, for his clubs, for Great Britain. However, no man who tackles like a steel trap — the most basic and the most appallingly difficult of all rugby league skills — can be regarded as aloof.

The thing is, we see Davies most clearly when he stands a little way apart from the rest, ready with the lethal kicks on the fifth tackle, or place-kicking like a scalpel-wielder, punishing the error with a penalty, turning the scrambled try in the corner into a six-pointer with a gravity-defiant conversion.

But Davies is a a great all-rounder, like any top-rank rugby league player. His true place is at heart of things, where the arms and legs are flying, the ball must be controlled and the rare opportunities seized.

He has played the game of rugby league in the north of England and elsewhere for six years, but he has had enough. "My home, my future is in South Wales, he said. "My priorities have changed." Priorities meaning family and business.

Speculation is rife as to where he will go next. He has contractual matters to sort out with his club, Warrington, and with the famous Super League, which has already paid him a sum, which, speculators say, is not unadjacent to £50,000.

There are some who see his return to Wales as an inevitable return to rugby union, perhaps even as an international. "If you play rugby league, you get security for your family. But also, rugby union is not much of a challenge for you. You want to sign to prove you can play rugby league."

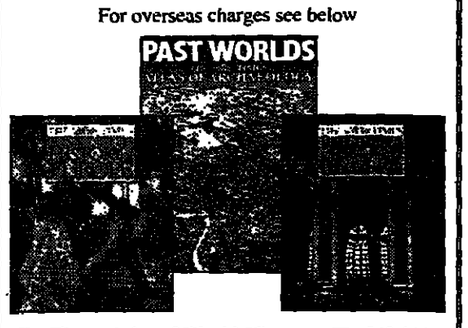
The change to the old amateurism nonsense in rugby union has cleared the way for speculation about a free interchange between codes. It would be appropriate if Davies, the great defector, and one of the best players of his time at both codes was to become the first big-name league player to play union: a nice sense of the wheel coming full circle.

As for some kind of merging between the two codes, there is still a vast distance between the two games and Davies put his finger on it with characteristic neatness when he said he would quite like to play union again: "It's easier, for a start." But retirement from all forms of rugby is another, perhaps even a preferred option.

For Davies, top-class union was a suitable way to learn his trade, and now perhaps to ease himself into retirement. League was the game for the man at his peak. Now he knows the peak is behind him. Most of us shed a few tears at such a moment.


Clarke, second left, is congratulated by Jackson, left, Offiah and Pinkney, right, after scoring England's last try in the 25-10 semi-final victory over Wales at Old Trafford

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Chelsea's security blanket fails its principal duty



Gullit: no reward from roving role

Chelsea 1
Manchester United 4

BY ANDREW LONGMORE

HAD Eric Cantona been accorded the same level of security on the field as he was off it, Chelsea might have gained more from this high-tension match than an uncomfortable sense of their own frailty in a 4-1 defeat.

Aware of the sensitivity of the occasion — the Frenchman's first away game in the FA Carling Premiership after his ban, his first visit to London since Selhurst Park last January, his first meeting with the referee and linesman who had sent him off that night — Chelsea went to absurd lengths to cocoon him, except where it mattered.

An eight-man DayGlo guard of honour greeted Cantona every time he emerged or left the field, a security man with the build of a rugby prop forward escorted him off at the end, corridors were formed, barriers erected, crowds held back, the press detained without trial. If Parkhurst had been half as well policed, the head of the Prison Service would still be in a job.

It was all grossly exaggerated, farcical even, like a cross between the Great Train Robbery and an Ealing Comedy. *Carry on, Cantona.* Will every club now employ a regiment of guards to protect the Frenchman? And, anyway, who needs protecting from whom? Cantona from the baiters? The baiters from Cantona? Not even the heavies from All-Purpose Security can protect Cantona from himself.

In the event, as they used to say about sensitive political marches, it all passed off peacefully. By playing some searing football in the first ten minutes and scoring twice, Manchester United defused all the tension. The home supporters even forgot to jeer Cantona at times, though he had a hand in three of the four goals, so roundly had they turned on their own team.

Only the princely Gullit and the United old boy Hughes were exempt from the terrace burial. But the Chelsea players, who were not as impressed by the Dutchman's attempts to play United on his own, did betray some signs of Ruud rage. After the fourth goal had been stroked home by McClair, the substitute, five minutes from time, Johnsen and Gullit had a frank exchange of views. Reading the semaphore, it seemed the defence wanted the Dutchman to stop his impersonation of Roy of the Rovers and Gullit wanted his defence to stop playing like the Bash Street Kids.

By then, Gullit had graduated from his role as the centrepiece of Chelsea's three-man defence (15 minutes) through the midfield (60 minutes) and into attack (15 minutes). But as Glenn Hoddle, the Chelsea manager, had brought on Spencer for Peacock to reinforce his front line for the last quarter anyway, in a desperate attempt to retrieve a two-goal deficit, Gullit's absence from the midfield simply allowed United to counter-attack with venom. Hoddle would only say that his side lost its shape and that he had to gamble, but it was a moot point whether Gullit's one-man Total Football had helped or hindered the Chelsea cause. He was still comfortably their best player, wherever he chose to play.

The damage was done early on, when Scholes exploited space down either side of the centre backs to score twice, the first after Cantona had dummied Neville's cross, the second a thumping shot after the Frenchman had stunned a pass hit firmly at his navel and, in one movement, swept the ball on. "You can't afford to give a side of United's class a two-goal lead," Hoddle moaned.

Thereafter, Chelsea were like rescuers searching through rubble. They did fleetingly find hope when Hughes, who was given a heart-warming reception by the United following, scored 15 minutes from the end. But a dazzling individual goal by Giggs three minutes later snuffed it out. Alex Ferguson thought United's first half was their best of the season, but shook his head at their inability to finish the game off. "We should have had it won by half-time. But 2-0 is a difficult scoreline," he muttered.

What will concern the United manager, apart from Cole's clumsiness in front of goal, is the strange lack of spark in Cantona, whose sporadic touches were still enough to undo Chelsea, but whose game, much of it spent on the left side of midfield, lacked the passion of old. There were some advantages in that. When Sinclair hacked down McClair and was harried by a posse of red shirts before his red card, Cantona's was not one of them. His emotions too, it seems, are closely guarded.

CHELSEA (3-5-2): D Kharine — F Sinclair, R Gullit, E Johnsen — S Clarke, D Wise (sub: C Burley, 45min), E Newton, G Peacock (sub: J Spencer, 65), A Myers — P Furlong, M Hughes.
MANCHESTER UNITED (4-4-2): P Schmeichel — G Neville, S Bruce, G Pallister, D Irwin — N But, B Keane, R Giggs, E Cantona — A Cole, P Scholes (sub, B McClair, 79).
Referee: A Wilkie

Forest now set course for Clark's second slice of history

Nottingham Forest 3
Bolton Wanderers 2

BY IVO TENNANT

COMPARISONS, as Frank Clark knows only too well, can be upsetting. On Saturday, Nottingham Forest, his Nottingham Forest, created a record through being unbeaten for 23 successive matches in the FA Carling Premiership. As an achievement, however, it cannot yet bear scrutiny with that of his predecessor.

Under Brian Clough, Forest were unbeaten for 42 matches between November 1977 and December 1978. Not surprisingly, they became champions in this period. Such are the standards set for Clark, a member of that team. This may in part account for why Forest are not now receiving the praise he feels they are due.

Last week, Forest beat Auxerre in France, a triumph accentuated by the fact that none of the four other British clubs involved in European competition won their matches. The acclaim that this merited was not forthcoming. Clark, a mild-mannered man, has a bland public persona that is the very antithesis of Clough's. It is deceptive.

His management is decisive. He knows as well as Alex Ferguson when to offload a player. And he knows when to deal with a player's ego.

Crossley, his goalkeeper, has become concerned at being overlooked by England. He is 26 and does not have even an under-21 cap to his name. What he does possess is one Scottish and one Welsh grandparent, and hence could change allegiances. Clark has told him he is good enough to play for England, not forgetting that Forest do not need another assimilated foreigner.

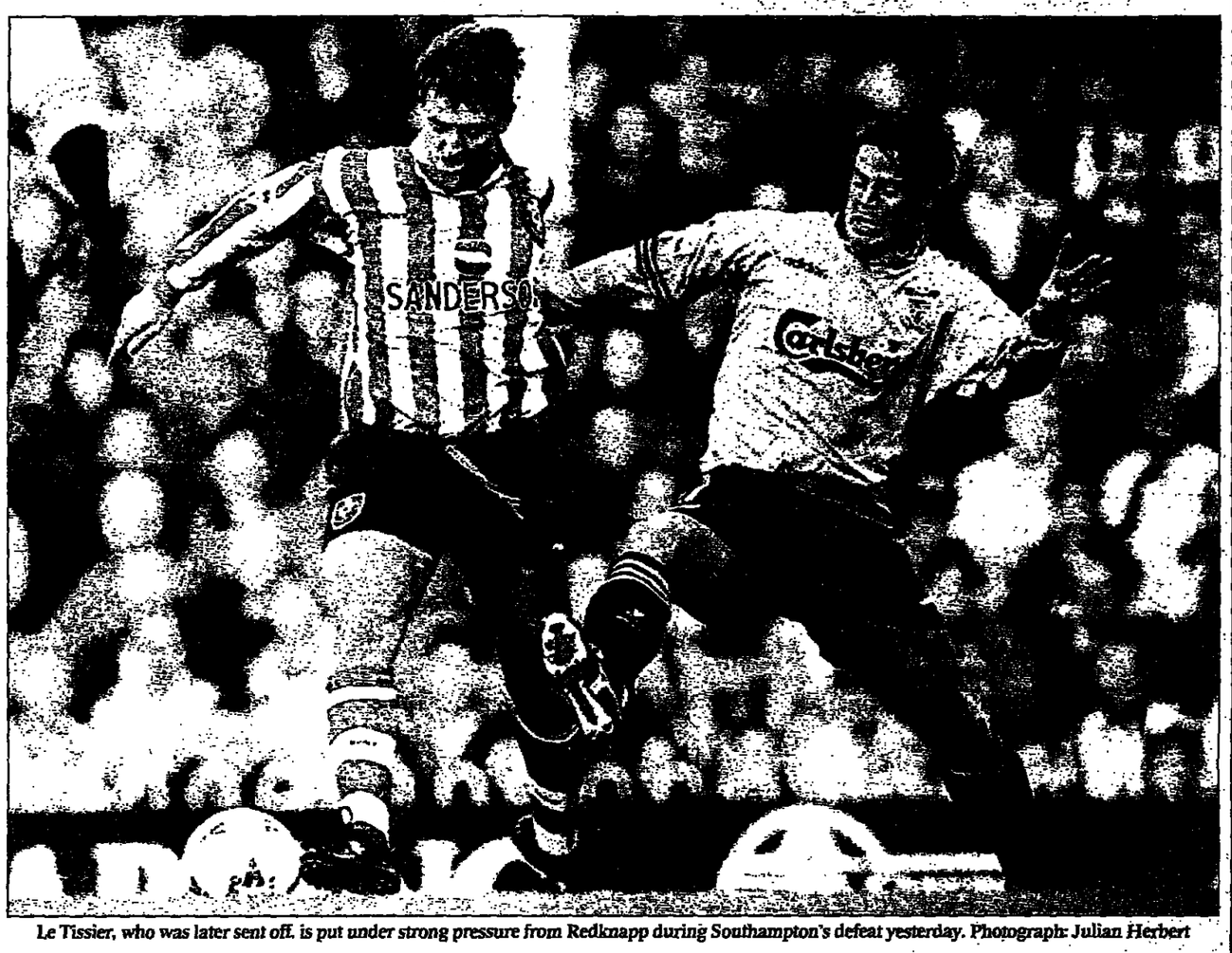
He will stand by Crossley after two errors in this match that almost allowed Bolton Wanderers — who played far more measured football than their lowly standing would suggest they could — to gain a rare victory. First, a shot by Sneekes spun off Crossley's chest into goal, and this was followed, in the second half, by a hopeless clearance that fell to De Freitas a few yards out.

Forest had gained a slightly fortuitous goal through Roy. They scored a second time when Stone brushed aside Patterson on the byline and pulled the ball back to Lee in front of goal. At 2-2, full-time imminent, Cooper directed the ideal header past Branagan from Lyttle's cross. Above all, Clark's management encompasses accurate passing. Only 19 unbeaten matches to go.

NOTTINGHAM FOREST (4-4-2): M Crossley — D Lyttle, C Cooper, S Chettle, S Pearce — S Stone, S Gemmill, C Bart-Williams, I Woan — B Roy, J Lee.
BOLTON WANDERERS (4-4-2): K Branagan — S McAnespie, C Fairclough, G Bergsson, J Phillips — R Sneekes, A Stubbs, M Patterson (sub, D Lee, 85min), A Thompson — J McGinlay (sub, F De Freitas 74), M Pembridge.
Referee: D Elleray.

Merseyside club complete tactical triumph as Southampton playmaker is sent off

Le Tissier dismissed by Liverpool mastery



Le Tissier, who was later sent off, is put under strong pressure from Redknapp during Southampton's defeat yesterday. Photograph: Julian Herbert

Southampton 1
Liverpool 3

BY DAVID MILLER

AT THE end of a week in which the coaching intelligence of English football has been horribly exposed by foreign opposition, Liverpool reminded us once more how it should be done. Their interpassing and movement off the ball at the Dell yesterday, in a one-sided FA Carling Premiership victory, was a joy.

This was not a happy afternoon for Matthew Le Tissier, the Southampton captain and would-be England luminary. During 70 minutes, he contributed little to Southampton's quest for survival, never mind equality, and was then sent off for a second bookable offence. From first to last, Liverpool's young lions, Redknapp, McManaman and Fowler, together with the veteran, Barnes, gave their opponents an exhibition in basic play.

It was from Le Tissier's dipping corner kick in the second minute that Watson deflected the ball under James, the Liverpool goalkeeper, on the near post to give Southampton the lead. Four minutes later, a through pass from Le Tissier to Hughes might have brought a second. Hughes shot wide. Thereafter, Southampton were never in serious contention. Roy Evans, the Liverpool manager, could even contend that "we got sloppy towards the end".

Once Southampton had enjoyed their early flourish, they were tactically overrun, with Le Tissier nowhere to be seen. In direct opposition to Redknapp, who had played promisingly in Norway 11 days ago, there was no comparison in their positional intelligence and accuracy. In a count of 102 passes, Redknapp was on the mark 97 times, a remarkable display. Le Tissier never "showed", so that he seldom received the ball.

It would seem that no coach has explained to Le Tissier that to receive the ball, you as often need to run towards the colleague with the ball as to run away from him. Likewise, Le Tissier when in possession seldom gives a short pass, always looking for the defence-splitting ball: spectacular when it works, costly when it does not. The late Jimmy Murphy spent hours and hours impressing on Bobby Charlton as a boy the importance of the short pass.

Furthermore, and this is something the Southampton coaching staff must seriously confront in the difficult weeks ahead that include Manchester United and Liverpool away by the beginning of December, Le Tissier appears short of maximum fitness. For much of the first hour he was ambling on the periphery and when, on a long dribble down the left touchline, he finally lost possession to Barnes, he was so short of wind he could not raise a gallop for the next minute or more.

Dave Merrington, the Southampton manager, attempted to reduce the discomfort of the manner of defeat by saying euphemistically: "The boys worked hard." He added that Le Tissier was "trying too hard to bring things off". What Le Tissier and Southampton need is not for him to be a genius twice a match, but to be a functional part of the team for ninety minutes as Redknapp was. Merrington acknowledged Liverpool's quality; he must acknowledge too the way they achieve it with selfless running.

Although Fowler was a constant thorn in Southampton's defence, he was unable to score the two or three goals that might have been his; the first of these after quarter of an hour when Beasant rushed to the edge of the penalty area to tip the ball off Fowler's toe for a corner.

It was Redknapp who set up the equalising goal in the 21st minute with his chip to Fowler on the right flank after a free kick. Fowler rounded Charlton and pulled the ball back into the path of McManaman who calmly swept the ball home. Liverpool maintained the pressure for the rest of the half, though Shipperley squandered an open goal shortly before the interval.

Twelve minutes into the second half Liverpool were ahead. A tackle by Redknapp nudged the ball down the right for McAteer to race clear, beat one defender and hit a low cross-shot which Beasant could only parry, the ball going straight to McManaman.

On the hour, Le Tissier earned his first notice: his name in the referee's book for a clumsy challenge on Rush. Ten minutes later he lunged foolishly at Babb and had to go. Southampton vainly brought on Heaney and Maskell as substitutes, Redknapp ripping through on the left to seal the afternoon with a Geoff Hurst-style shot into the roof of the net from an angle on the left.

SOUTHAMPTON (3-5-2): D Beasant — T Widdrington (sub: N Heaney, 66min), R Hall, F Benali — J Dodd, M Le Tissier, D Hughes, P Tisdale, S Charlton — G Watson, N Shipperley (sub: C Maskell, 66).
LIVERPOOL (3-5-2): D James — M Wright, J Scales, P Babb — S Harkness, S McManaman, J Redknapp, J Barnes, J McAteer — I Rush, R Fowler.
Referee: D Gallagher.

Bowry makes Palace pay for allowing him to leave

Crystal Palace 1
Millwall 2

BY PAT GIBSON

MILLWALL recorded their fifth away win of the season with a performance which showed why they have now joined Leicester City at the top of the Endsleigh Insurance League first division while their south London rivals are languishing in the bottom five.

"They had more desire than we did," Ray Lewington, the Crystal Palace manager, said succinctly.

Leopards may never change their spots but the Lions have altered their habits dramatically. They used to be at their most dangerous when visitors dared to enter their Den but they are now more menacing on the prowl, as Port Vale, Reading, Portsmouth, Watford and now Palace have discovered to their cost.

They had not won at Selhurst Park for 27 years but they were beginning to put that dismal record behind them as early as the third minute. Palace were playing with three central defenders but when Bowry tore down the left and delivered a perfect cross, not one of them got in a challenge as Malkin headed powerfully past Martyn. To rub salt in the Palace wound, Bowry used to play for them and he was obviously relishing the opportunity to show them what they had lost when they allowed him to join Millwall in the summer.

"He is a very talented boy," Mick McCarthy, the Millwall manager, said afterwards. Not that Palace are short of talented players. The full backs, Edworthy and Gordon, are full of ability, and fittingly, it was Gordon who scored the 31st minute equaliser, volleying unerringly into the far corner.

Four minutes later, however, Millwall were back in front with a goal which showed how things are going for Palace at the moment. When Martyn, under pressure, punched at van Blerk's corner, the ball rebounded off Fuchs's shoulder and into the back of the net. It was the German's first goal for Millwall. The fact that both he and Malkin, another new signing, had both put their names on the scoresheet illustrated the major difference between the sides.

Palace have two new strikers of their own in Taylor and Freedman but they never looked like scoring and Taylor's frustration showed when he was involved in the only two flashpoints of a potentially explosive derby game.

It just about summed up the Palace day when Lewington learnt that the club will be fined because some of his players were wearing different numbers from those on the team sheet.

CRYSTAL PALACE (3-5-2): N Martyn — R Shaw, A Roberts, C Coleman — M Edworthy (sub: B Dyer, 73min), D Hopkin, R Houghton, S Rodger (sub: D Matthew, 61), D Gordon — D Freedman, G Taylor.
MILLWALL (4-3-3): K Keller — R Newman, T Witter, K Stevens, J van Blerk — B Bowry, A Rae, N Doyle — C Malkin (sub: K Dixon, 45), D Savage, U Fuchs (sub: K Black, 53).
Referee: D Orr

LUTON Town moved off the bottom of the first division yesterday thanks to a David Oldfield goal at Ipswich. Robin van der Laan's last-minute goal earned a 1-1 draw at Stoke City, who had led through Kevin Keen.

Sham Arsenal stave off inept assault

Arsenal 2
Aston Villa 0

BY ALYSON RUDD

"I HAVE discovered the secret of alchemy," Blackadder's Lord Percy declared. The goofy fop then proudly revealed he had turned base metals into a dollop of sludge he called "most precious green".

Green, gold, Arsenal, what is the difference anyway if the heart is in the right place? When Bruce Rioch became Arsenal manager he immediately signalled his intention to turn base Highbury auric, or in his words, to become "inventive and creative".

Rioch has certainly altered Arsenal but he has not transformed them. He did not really want to. He has not tampered with the club's defensive line-up. Parlour, Merson and Helder were all playing, or promising to play their part under the management of George Graham and Stewart Houston. And no one in their right mind would want to change Ian Wright — other than to plead for an improved disciplinary record.

Instead, Rioch has attempted to coax flair into the Arsenal side, has signed Bergkamp and Platt and presented us with most precious frustration.

Against Aston Villa on Saturday, Arsenal were spasmodically pretty, delicate even. Some of their movement was intelligent too, with Bergkamp and Wright spinning around the field. But it all smacked of an impersonation. Arsenal still looked more comfortable peering across the line and throwing their arms in the air with appeals for offside. The day Bould lifts his hand to call for a pass inside his own half will be the day Arsenal are truly transformed.

Brian Little admitted he "came to make it hard for them" but succeeded in only making it hard for themselves. Villa clogged up the midfield so completely that Draper could not see, let alone move, leaving the player most able to turn the match in the visitors' favour forlorn.

The one player who initially looked least capable of winning the match for Arsenal — Helder — in the end did just that. His low, gentle cross troubled Bosnich and Merson pounced on a loose ball to put Arsenal in control of the second half.

His confidence boosted, Helder then danced past McGrath and released Bergkamp, whose own tamely struck ball was missed by the Villa goalkeeper and seized on by Wright.

Rioch is not yet the man with the golden Gunners but, if the Premiership keeps on throwing up such inept assaults on Highbury, he will hardly care.

ARSENAL (4-4-2): D Seaman — L Dixon, S Bould, A Adams, N Winterburn — P Merson, M Keown, R Parlour, G Helder — I Wright, D Bergkamp.
ASTON VILLA (5-4-1): M Bosnich — G Charles, G Southgate, P McGrath (sub: G Ferton, 84min), U Ehiogu, A Wright — I Taylor, A Townsend, M Draper (sub: T Johnson, 62), S Staunton (sub: S Milosevic, 62) — D Yorke.
Referee: R Hart

Tottenham fail to convince with missed goal chances

Everton 1
Tottenham Hotspur 1

BY PETER BALL

TOTTENHAM Hotspur voices have been suggesting recently that the FA Carling Premiership title is within reach. It is a worthy ambition but it did not look a very likely one yesterday as they failed to beat Everton, who are short on form, confidence and bodies.

Tottenham looked the more composed, compact side, but for all their increasing superiority as the game went on, Neville Southall had little enough to do. Sheringham gave an object lesson in every aspect of a target man's game except the crucial one — the ability to put the ball in the net. Though Armstrong ended his search for his first goal for Tottenham in some style, he too saw chances wasted.

For their part Everton have now gone six Premiership games without a win. But if they are still searching for form and confidence, the taste for battle has been restored, the side embarking on their search and destroy missions with obvious relish.

Horne, inevitably, led by example, and that was picked up right through the team. In the dying minutes, as Sheringham moved forward menacingly, it was his opposite number, Rideout, who came back to send him flying.

"At least we've got more points than we had when I came last year," Joe Royle, the Everton manager, said. His side now have nine points from ten games; when Royle arrived they had taken eight points from 14 matches, an improvement indeed, if not one to write home about. But until Amokachi returns, or Ferguson gets out of prison, they are light at the front.

"I think we're getting there," Royle added. "It could have been 6-6 — great for the punters but the two managers couldn't be happy with some of the defending."

Indeed, at times in the first half Tottenham's defence looked as vulnerable as in the days of Ardiles, Stuart, the smallest forward on view, had three free close-range headers, scoring from one. At the other end, Sheringham pulled Everton's defence apart with his intelligent moves.

"Ian Walker had to make a couple of fine saves," Royle said. "But Neville didn't have that much to do. Spurs missed their chances rather than him having to save them." The misses started in the tenth minute. Watson's mistimed header let in Sheringham but the England forward went wider and wider in an attempt to make sure and finally, having moved from straight in front of goal to an acute angle, pulled his shot across the face of the goal.

That looked a bad miss at the time. Two minutes later it looked an even worse one, as Kanchelskis and Samways exchanged passes, Kanchelskis crossed and Stuart's header left Walker helpless.

For 25 minutes Everton had the better of things. But Stuart and Samways shot over, Short got a free header from a corner and put that over, and when Kanchelskis got to the byline and picked out Stuart again, the header went straight at Walker.

While this was going on Armstrong was missing chances, but finally he got it right with remarkable aplomb. A brilliant 60-yard pass from Wilson sent him racing between two defenders to lob Southall perfectly. From that moment Tottenham took over, but Sheringham, Rosenthal and Dozzell missed glorious chances to win the game. Not the stuff of which championships are made.

EVERTON (4-4-2): N Southall — M Jackson, D Watson, C Short, G Ablett — A Kanchelskis, V Samways, B Horne, A Hinchcliffe (sub: A Limpar, 83min) — G Stuart, P Rideout.
TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR (4-4-2): I Walker — D Austin, C Calderwood, G Mabbutt, C Wilson — R Fox, S Campbell (sub: J Dozzell, 59), D Howells, G Macmahon (sub: R Rosenthal, 73) — E Sheringham, C Armstrong.
Referee: R Dilkes.



Armstrong: first goal

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Middlesbrough continue Premiership progress as North East revival gathers pace

New era awaits Juninho the catalyst

Rob Hughes thinks the introduction of a new signing will act as an inspiration to less gifted players.



Supporters are already kitted out to extend a Brazilian-style welcome to Juninho, even though he did not play in the 1-0 win over Queens Park Rangers

The boys from the Boro stood on the edge of hope. Some wore No 7 Barmby replica shirts, but their faces were painted yellow and green. Some were actually dressed in Brazilian colours, the word Juninho written across their foreheads. But all were prevented from crossing the railway track to the Cellnet Riverside Stadium before the game between Middlesbrough and Queens Park Rangers. The match was a sell-out, they had no tickets, and so dutifully the law barred them access to the new arena which is the symbol of the new Middlesbrough Football Club.

All this a week before Brazil's latest idol, Juninho, is expected to make his debut. All this, three years after Middlesbrough actually gave tickets away at the Job Shops, hoping to entice the unemployed to augment meagre crowds.

A new era is opening up in every imaginable way. Nostalgia had saved the Boro a decade ago, saved it when Steve Gibson, 37, a self-made haulier millionaire had come in with ICI to pay off the Official Receiver, and to turn around a liquidated club. Now, as the Boro forge ahead, there is more than a whiff of the revival going on 40 miles up the road in Newcastle.

The new venue could hardly be more distant from Ayresome Park, one and a half miles away, an abandoned ground among its red-brick Victorian housing where Middlesbrough had played for 92 years. There is neither the atmosphere nor the aroma of Ayresome at the Riverside Stadium; an aroma which came from the smell of embrocation which wafted up through the floorboards to the stand above the dressing-rooms.

Now, the Boro are located in the docks. The setting is grim, industrial. There are skeletal cranes in the clear sky surrounding the new abode, a yellowy smog seeping over from the chemical chimneys nearby. But, with 21,000 season tickets, with a team fourth in the FA Carling Premiership, and with a defence that for five consecutive games has denied anyone a goal, who dare say that enticing a Brazilian to this North East outpost is an illusion?

He will wear, provided both the work permit problems and the rumour that the Football Association might block the move are cleared within the week, No 25. He will doubtless replace Craig Hignett, whose penalty decided a match of labyrinthine endeavour, on Saturday and it is not difficult to imagine the forward trio: Fjortoft, sometimes lumbering, sometimes as silly as a moose, but nevertheless a centre-forward who relishes being on his own and whose sudden strikes for goal will be well prompted. On his shoulders we will see Juninho and Barmby. The way that Barmby foraged for space on Saturday, ever willing to drift deep into midfield, suggests that be for one will be on the wavelength of the new player, a twosome that has cost the once-bankrupt Middlesbrough £10 million.

> 'The new venue could hardly be more distant from Ayresome Park'

It was Barmby whose movement, whose darting run into the penalty box, produced the decisive moment against Rangers. Mustoe, with an intelligent header, had invited Barmby's run, and Yates, so blatantly it appeared almost comical, tugged Barmby back by the arm. Hignett quietly strode forward, calmly stroked the ball to his right, and foxed Sommer.

Why, then, should Middlesbrough change the penalty-taker when Mike Reed, the referee, who ruined the flow of the afternoon by issuing the yellow card seven times, sometimes merely at the hint of a tackle, again decided a minute into the second half that Barmby had been fouled?

Neither Bryan Robson, the manager, nor his assistant Viv Anderson, had instructed the change. "It seemed to be something they worked out between them," Anderson said drily. Fjortoft smacked the penalty against the crossbar, and thereafter Middlesbrough became anxious, Rangers controlled what rhythm there was, and Sinclair looked the class player. He delightfully chipped Walsh in the 68th minute, the ball rebounded from the underside of the crossbar, straight to Daniele Dichio. The man who has scored seven goals in six games, stooped to conquer, and remarkably managed to head the ball from four yards up and over the unguarded crossbar.

We were beginning to feel the winter's chill that will greet the second coming of Juninho on Teesside. He returned home after the samba celebration of last Tuesday, awaiting clearance of the work permit. It would be wrenched if the deal were jeopardised by the FA which, it seems, is concerned for the sole reason that two of the agents it believed to have been involved have not paid their £100,000 licence fees to Fifa.

One hopes, fervently, that the FA stays out of it. For Middlesbrough, with a team welded together by effort, compact and working for one another, are waiting to include the catalyst, Juninho, a man whose craft and emollient enthusiasm can inspire something greater.

He would join them in fourth place, a position that flatters the organised but uninspired Middlesbrough team. And, if he should play against Manchester United next Saturday, a challenging debut if ever there was one, the boys who stood outside on Saturday, would suddenly be as privileged as the 30,000 whose money took them within the stadium.

For there are no seats for Boro fans at Old Trafford, no seats while Manchester United rebuild for extra capacity . . . and so Middlesbrough will open up the Riverside Stadium, charging £6 a head for a screening of the first footing of the player whose arrival would change the credibility of the club at a stroke. The chant, "C'mon, Boro", is the one thing that has never changed around Middlesbrough Football Club.

MIDDLESBROUGH (3-4-2-1): G Walsh — N Pearson, S Vickers, D Whyte (sub: P Whelan, 55min) — N Cox, J Pollock, R Mustoe, C Morris — C Hignett (sub: J Hendrie, 80), N Barmby — J-A Fjortoft.
QUEENS PARK RANGERS (3-5-2): J Sommer — S Yates, D Maddix, K Ready — D Bardsley, I Holloway, S Barker, A Impey, R Ervent (sub: K Gallen, 75) — D Dichio, T Sinclair
Referee: M Reed

PREMIERSHIP AT A GLANCE

		Played	Points	Goal diff	Recent form
1	Newcastle	10	27	+19	WWWWW
2	Manchester Utd	10	23	+10	WDWWW
3	Arsenal	10	21	+10	WWLWW
4	Middlesbrough	10	21	+7	WWWWW
5	Liverpool	10	20	+10	WWDDW
6	Nottm Forest	10	20	+7	WDWWW
7	Aston Villa	10	17	+4	WDWLL
8	Leeds	10	17	+2	LWWLD
9	Tottenham	10	15	+2	WWWLD
10	Chelsea	10	15	0	WLWWL
11	Blackburn	10	13	-2	LWLWD
12	Sheffield Wed	10	11	-3	LDLLW
13	West Ham	10	10	-3	LLWWD
14	Wimbledon	10	10	-9	LLLLL
15	Everton	10	9	-3	LLDDD
16	QPR	10	9	-7	WLWLL
17	Coventry	10	7	-11	LLLDL
18	Southampton	10	6	-10	DLLLL
19	Bolton	10	5	-11	LLLDL
20	Manchester City	10	2	-12	LLLLD

Weekly change: Up — Stayed the same — Down

Magpies push Kinnear into Freudian slip

Newcastle United 6
Wimbledon 1

By David Powell

JOE KINNEAR, the Wimbledon manager, had to correct himself: "We are crippled with injuries and then we have to come and play the League champions . . . [pause] . . . elect I should say." Well, Newcastle United played with the invisible badge of champions. How Britain could have done with these dashing striped knights in Europe last week.

The vital statistics were that this was Newcastle's seventh successive victory, they lead the FA Carling Premiership by four points, and Les Ferdinand, who registered a hat-trick, equalled a club postwar record of scoring in seven consecutive matches. In 12 appearances since his £6 million move from Queens Park Rangers, he has scored 15 goals and is the top scorer in England.

Wimbledon had three players booked, one sent off, and lost three injured inside 50 minutes. It was their fifth successive Premiership defeat. One Wimbledon goalkeeper, Segers, has just had a knee operation; another, Sullivan, is recovering from a broken leg. A third, Heald, faces suspension after being dismissed for a second bookable offence on Saturday, but might need time off with backache first after picking the ball out of the net 24 times in Wimbledon's last seven matches. The medical staff are as overworked as the defence: 14 first-team squad members are under treatment. Crazy even by Crazy Gang standards.

So credit to the much-maligned Vinnie Jones for retaining a sense of humour. Wimbledon were being made fools of and he volunteered to wear jester's pink, clowning around in goal as replacement for Heald while doing a pretty good job at keeping the score down. "He did well: he made two or three really good saves," Kevin Keegan, the Newcastle manager, acknowledged.

As Jones pulled on the jersey at 3-0, and with 35 minutes remaining, he took a bow before taking up his unaccustomed position. Within seconds he had produced a remarkable double save, parrying a drive from Ginola and, when Gillespie followed up with a shot, kicking the ball onto a post.

However, two minutes later, Jones stood helpless as Clark let rip with a left-foot drive from 20 yards for 4-0. "Vinnie, Vinnie, what's the score?" the crowd chanted. Jones played to the house by clasping hands over ears and, as he did so, Wimbledon broke away for Gayle to reply instantly with a headed goal. Jones turned to face the Gallowgate End and raised his arms in celebration. Otherwise, it was death by a thousand cuts for Wimbledon.

Ginola, Gillespie and Beardsley were as menacing as Ferdinand was lethal. Two of Ferdinand's goals were headers, one demonstrating his climbing ability, the other his courage as he stooped low into two Wimbledon challenges. "He put his head in where other people would not put their feet," Keegan said in admiration. "He spent all last week answering questions about why he was not in the England side [against Norway], and he spent last Saturday afternoon scoring in a 3-2 win [at Queens Park Rangers] and this Saturday afternoon showing why he should be."

Beforehand, Wimbledon's application for the job of ending Newcastle's 100 per cent home record had seemed about right. Who better than they for rolling up sleeves and spoiling a good thing? "They always fancy their chances of causing an upset," Keegan had said.

For 25 minutes, it was as if Fashanu, Sanchez and Beasant were watching over Wimbledon. Then Newcastle created chance after chance, like Wasps attracted to the Newcastle rugby jamjar.

Ferdinand and Beardsley each failed narrowly from 20 yards and Fitzgerald almost put through his own goal before Howey's head met Gillespie's cross to open the scoring on 31 minutes. A flying save by Heald kept out Gillespie but crosses from Ginola and Gillespie set up Ferdinand for headers which took the half-time score to 3-0. Before the second half was two minutes old, Heald had made fine saves from Clark, Ginola and Ferdinand.

Eight minutes later he was off; booked for timewasting in the first half, then fouling Ferdinand outside his area. Ferdinand completed his hat-trick from close range and Albert hammered in the last nail with an angled shot.

Keegan's squad, in contrast to Kinnear's, is glowing with health. Ginola, Beardsley, Sellars and Albert have all had injuries recently but now the manager is spoilt for choice.

NEWCASTLE UNITED (4-4-2): S Hislop — W Barton, D Peacock, S Howey (sub: P Albert, 80min), J Beresford — P Gillespie, R Lee (sub: M Hottiger, 80), L Clark (sub: S Sellars, 80), D Ginola — L Ferdinand, P Beardsley.
WIMBLEDON (4-4-2): P Heald — C Perry (sub: J Goodman, 34; sub: O Leonhardsen, 47), S Fitzgerald, A Reeves, K Cunningham — B McAllister (sub: S Talboys, 12), V Jones, R Earle, M Gayle — M Harford, D Holdsworth
Referee: G Poll

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Kinkladze gives City good reason for fresh optimism

Manchester City 0
Leeds United 0

By Peter Ball

MOST teams take confidence from a win. Manchester City, after their drubbings in recent years, clearly regarded their 1-0 defeat at Old Trafford the previous week as akin to victory: on Saturday they had a spring in their step from the start as they dominated a disappointing, negative Leeds United with an excellent display which deserved better than a goalless draw.

"It's coming," Alan Ball, the City manager, said afterwards. "Slowly . . . very, very slowly, but it's coming." And, after all the criticism, he was entitled to feel optimistic about his team's latest performance.

"In the first games, you saw a disaster on the pitch," Uwe Rösler, the City forward, said. "Now you see a system which everybody is working with and understanding, and it is getting better and better from week to week."

Nobody epitomised it better than Georgi Kinkladze. Earlier in the season he had looked a forlorn figure. Here he looked the real thing, his skill on the ball matched by the accuracy and perception of his passes. Gary McAllister is widely regarded as the nearest thing to the classic midfield general in the British game; it was a mark of Kinkladze's performance that, for 75 minutes, he eclipsed the Leeds captain.

"We saw from the first day that he is an outstanding player," Rösler said, "now the team knows what he wants to do, and he knows what the English players prefer, and now it is going better.

"People forget that he was only 21 when he arrived in England. And he didn't come to Manchester United or Newcastle. He came to a team which has spent the last three years fighting against relegation. He isn't a world class player yet, but he is on the way, he has the potential to be one."



Kinkladze: classy

Leeds were more grudging, as befitted their contribution to the afternoon. "He's not direct enough," Nigel Worthington said. "He's got to learn what the English game is all about, and you can bet your life he is going to get knocked about this season."

The other thing is he's playing in a relegation situation where his flair won't help him." Ah, the English virtues: get stuck in and welly it.

On Saturday, Leeds didn't even welly it with conviction. With Yeboah looking uninterested, they hardly threatened as they went back to basics after conceding eight goals in their past two matches.

"The priority was a clean sheet," Howard Wilkinson, the Leeds manager, confirmed, a restricted ambition against the FA Carling Premiership's bottom club.

To keep it even tighter Wilkinson, who buys centre halves with an enthusiasm to match George Graham in his heyday at Arsenal, will today add Richard Jobson from Oldham Athletic to his squad.

On Saturday, Pemberton, the most likely to make way for him, put an eloquent case for his retention with two outstanding interceptions and a crucial last-ditch tackle on Curle. "I had one touch too many," Curle confessed with disarming candour.

Candour was the flavour of the day. "Anything else I said about the game would be bull," Wilkinson said afterwards.

"That's never stopped you in the past," replied a cynical journalist, but he said it sotto voce — in the end a bit like the game itself.

MANCHESTER CITY (4-3-1-2): E Immel — R Edghill, K Curle, K Symons, T Phelan (sub: G Creaney, 87min) — N Summerbee, S Lomas, G Rizzolo (sub: I Brightwell, 45) — G Kinkladze — N Quinn, U Rösler.
LEEDS UNITED (4-5-1): J Lukic — G Kelly, J Pemberton, D Wetherall, N Worthington — B Deane, C Palmer, A Cousins, G McAllister, R Wallace (sub: N Whelan, 82) — A Yeboah.
Referee: M Bodenham.

Coventry dead to Strachan's touch

Coventry City 0
Sheffield Wednesday 1

By Ian Rodgers

IN A week when Juninho surprised the world and relocated to Teesside, the front cover of Coventry City's official programme promised more Brazilian flavour: midfielder Isaias was depicted casting aside the challenge of an opponent. But the South American could only watch from the stand as the veteran Gordon Strachan replaced him and displayed the same voracity that he had previously enjoyed at Aberdeen and Leeds United.

Unfortunately, the former Scotland international offered Coventry's only source of inspiration. David Pleat, the Sheffield Wednesday manager, said: "Strachan added a bit of imagination to their game and gave us a problem in the first half when he was running at our full back. Mark Pembridge had a 'nothing' time against him and all their play developed from Strachan."

Too often for the home supporters' liking, the excellent work of Strachan proved futile as intelligent passes were misjudged by teammates. Even the usually exciting Ndlovu became as erratic as the scoreboard clock, which gained and lost hours long before the official return to GMT.

Strachan has been drafted into Highfield Road as an eventual replacement for Ron Atkinson, yet his performance on Saturday suggested he may still be needed in a playing capacity. Coventry were not helped by the reaction from some of the crowd, which had been building since Guy Whittingham's goal in the eighteenth minute. Their unrest appeared to ignore the fact that the home side had enjoyed the greater possession.

Ndlovu could even have won this game, but for "the biggest freak of the season" according to his manager, when he contrived to pass the ball to Pressman, the Wednesday goalkeeper, when scoring was an easier option.

Even Pleat was forced to concede that his side had ridden their luck throughout the game. "I was thinking, they're going to get one soon, but we coped very well. In the end the concern of the home supporters transmitted itself to the players."

Coventry have only scored once in the FA Carling Premiership since Dion Dublin was injured in mid-September. His presence on the bench may have encouraged some players but only served to remind supporters of what might have been.

COVENTRY CITY (4-4-2): J Filan — A Pickering, D Busst, P Williams, B Borrows — G Strachan, K Richardson, P Telfer, J Salako — N Lampley (sub: M Hall, 83min), P Ndlovu
SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY (3-5-2): K Pressman — P Atherton, K Ingesson, D Walker — L Briscoe (sub: M Williams, 17), M Pembridge, C Waddle (sub: G Hyde, 80), I Nolan, A Sinton — G Whittingham, M Bright.
Referee: J Winter

Shearer deprives Dowie of artisan's overdue reward

West Ham United 1
Blackburn Rovers 1

By Russell Kempson

IAIN DOWIE entered football late, at 23, via engineering at British Aerospace, Hendon Town, and a £30,000 gamble by Luton Town. Though subsequently awarded international status with Northern Ireland, he has humbly plied his trade with Fulham, West Ham United, Southampton, Crystal Palace and now back at West Ham.

Alan Shearer was educated at the Southampton youth academy, inducted as a trainee at 17, and graduated to full seniority over the next four years. He moved to Blackburn Rovers for £3.6 million in 1992, has since scored numerous goals and is a favourite son of Terry Venables, the England coach. Any future transfer would have to be calculated in Monopoly money.

Dowie is 30, Shearer 25. Ages apart, abilities apart, planets apart. Yet, for 89 minutes at Upton Park on Saturday, Dowie demonstrated that anything is possible given the determination and the will. As Shearer's fabled enthusiasm went the way of all Blackburn's efforts — nowhere — Dowie's more basic yet more effective endeavours illuminated an otherwise ordinary afternoon in the FA Carling Premiership.

He jumped and he bumped and he thumped at the Rovers defence, one rather over-zealous challenge earning him a booking for clattering into Hendry. It worked, though. In the 72nd minute, as Dowie prepared for another ungainly mid-air collision, Pearce and Hendry — not noted for their aerial reticence — glanced at each other and eventually stood aside, leaving Dowie to win the ball uncontested. It was almost comical.

Yet, with the game apparently won, courtesy of Dowie's firm 25th-minute header from Bishop's clever cross, Shearer emerged from the depths of frustration — and the shackles of Martin, 37 — to salvage a point that Blackburn barely deserved. Bohinen centred from the left, and Shearer sent in a looping header that Miklosko and Hutchison contrived to allow over the line for his thirteenth goal of the season. "We needed a break, something we haven't really had for a while," Shearer said. "Hopefully, this will be the turning point for us. There have been a few signs over the past few weeks that things are improving."



Dowie: determined

Ray Harford, the Blackburn manager, gratefully accepted Rovers' first away point in the Premiership this season and similarly clutched at straws. "I thought we deserved something," he said. "We were the only team going forward in the second half and a draw was probably a fair result."

Get real. Blackburn, supposedly the crème de la crème of English football, have made a wretched start to the League season, have caused acute embarrassment in the European Cup Champions' League, and, as Harford admits, are still several decent players short of a successful squad. Jack Walker, benefactor extraordinaire, will again have to raid the piggy bank. West Ham provided all the gloss, through the confident and neat midfield triangles borne of an unbeaten five-match run.

Dowie, the artisan, deserved better. "He was outstanding," Harry Redknapp, the West Ham manager, said. "He led the line, he held the ball up, he brought people into play and he worked his socks off." Yet Shearer, the artist, had the final say. Sometimes, there is no justice.

WEST HAM UNITED (4-4-2): L Miklosko — S Potts, A Martin, M Reeper, J Dicks — R Slater (sub: D Hutchison, 70min), I Bishop, J Moncur, M Hughes — A Cottee, I Dowie
BLACKBURN ROVERS (4-4-2): T Flowers — H Berg, I Pearce, C Hendry, J Kenna — S Ripley, D Batty, L Bohinen, T Sherwood (sub: W McKinlay, 64) — A Shearer, C Sutton (sub: M Newell, 74)
Referee: S Lodge

FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP

ARSENAL (0) 2 ASTON VILLA (0) 0
Merson 47, Wright 78. 38,271
Arsenal: D Seaman, L Dixon, N Winterburn, M Keown, S Bould, A Adams, R Parlour, I Wright, P Merson, D Bergkamp, G Helder
Booked: Wright.
Aston Villa: M Bosnich, G Charles, P McGrath (sub: G Fenton, 63min), U Ehiogu, G Southgate, A Wright, I Taylor, M Draper (sub: S Milosevic, 61), A Townsend, S Staunton (sub: A Johnson, 61min), D Yorke.
Booked: McGrath.
Referee: R Hart.

CHELSEA (0) 1 MANCHESTER UTD (2) 4
Hughes 75. 31,019 — Scholes 3, 9; Giggs 78; McClair 85
Chelsea: D Kharine, S Clarke, R Gullit, E Johnsen, F Sinclair, M Hughes, G Peacock (sub: J Spencer, 63min), D Wise (sub: C Burley, 46), P Furlong, A Myers, E Newton.
Booked: Clarke, Furlong. Sent off: Sinclair (88)
Manchester United: P Schmeichel, D Irwin, S Bruce, G Pallister, E Cantona, R Giggs, R Keane, A Cole, N Butt, G Neville, P Scholes (sub: B McClair, 79)
Booked: Butt.
Referee: A Wilkie

COVENTRY CITY (0) 0 SHEFFIELD WED (1) 1
13,998 — Whittingham 16
Coventry City: J Filan, B Borrows, A Pickering, D Busst, P Williams, K Richardson, P Telfer, J Salako, G Strachan, N Lamptey (sub: M Hall, 84min), P Ndlovu
Booked: Ndlovu.
Sheffield Wednesday: K Pressman, P Atherton, I Nolan, D Walker, K Ingesson, C Waddle (sub: G Hyde, 80), A Sinton, L Briscoe (sub: M Williams, 18), M Pembridge, G Whittingham, M Bright.
Referee: J Winter

MANCHESTER CITY (0) 0 LEEDS UNITED (0) 0
26,390
Manchester City: E Immel, R Edghill, T Phelan (sub: G Creaney, 86min), S Lomas, K Curle, G Kinkladze, N Quinn, G Flitcroft (sub: I Brightwell, 45), K Symons, N Summerbee, U Rosler
Leeds United: J Lukic, G Kelly, N Worthington, C Palmer, D Wetherall, J Pemberton, A Yeboah, R Wallace (sub: N Whelan, 81), B Deane, G McAllister, A Couzens
Booked: Kelly, Worthington, Wallace, Wetherall.
Referee: M Bodenham.

MIDDLESBROUGH (1) 1 QPR (0) 0
Hignett 15 (pen). 29,293
Middlesbrough: G Walsh, N Cox, C Morris, S Vickers, N Pearson, D Whyte (sub: P Whelan, 55min), N Barmby, J Pollock, J-A Fjortoft, R Mustoe, C Hignett (sub: J Hendrie, 82).
Booked: Fjortoft, Mustoe, Whelan.
Queens Park Rangers: J Sommer, S Yates, D Maddix, K Ready, D Bardsley, A Impey, S Barker, I Holloway, R Brevett (sub: K Gallen, 77), T Sinclair, D Dichio.
Booked: Ready, Maddix, Holloway, Dichio, Brevett.
Referee: M Reed.

NEWCASTLE UTD (3) 6 WIMBLEDON (0) 1
Howey 31, Ferdinand 35, 41, 63, Clark 59, Albert 84 — Gayle 60. 36,434
Newcastle United: S Hislop, W Barton, J Beresford, D Peacock, S Howey (sub: P Albert, 80min), R Lee (sub: M Hottiger, 80), L Ferdinand, L Clark (sub: S Sellars, 80), D Ginola, K Gillespie, P Beardsley.
Wimbledon: P Heald, K Cunningham, S Fitzgerald, V Jones, M Gayle, A Reeves, B McAllister (sub: S Talboys, 12), R Earle, M Harford, D Holdsworth, C Perry (sub: J Goodman, 34).
Booked: Heald, Cunningham, Perry, Earle.
Sent off: Heald (55)
Referee: G Poll.

NOTTM FOREST (1) 3 BOLTON WDRS (1) 2
Roy 27, Lee 68, Cooper 90 — Sneekes 22, De Freitas 78. 25,426
Nottingham Forest: M Crossley, D Lyttle, S Pearce, C Cooper, S Chettle, S Gemmill, S Stone, J Lee, I Woan, C Bart-Williams, B Roy.
Bolton Wanderers: K Branagan, S McAnespie, J Phillips, G Bergsson, R Sneekes, A Stubbs, C Fairclough, J McGinlay (sub: F De Freitas, 74min), M Paatelainen, M Patterson (sub: O Lee, 85), A Thompson
Booked: Phillips, Bergsson.
Referee: D Elleray

WEST HAM (1) 1 BLACKBURN RVRS (0) 1
Dowie 26. 21,776 — Shearer 89
West Ham United: L Miklosko, S Potts, J Dicks, M Rieper, A Martin, R Slater (sub: D Hutchison, 71min), I Bishop, J Moncur, A Cottee, I Dowie, M Hughes.
Booked: Dowie.
Blackburn Rovers: T Flowers, H Berg, C Hendry, I Pearce, J Kenna, S Ripley, T Sherwood (sub: W McKinlay, 64min), D Batty, L Bohinen, A Shearer, C Sutton (sub: M Newell, 75)
Booked: Bohinen, Sutton
Referee: Steve Lodge.

Yesterday

EVERTON (1) 1 TOTTENHAM (1) 1
Stuart 12. 33,629 — Armstrong 38
Everton: N Southall, M Jackson, D Watson, C Short, G Ablett, A Kanchelskis, B Horne, V Samways, A Hinchcliffe (sub: Limpar, 83mins), P Rideout, G Stuart.
Tottenham Hotspur: I Walker, D Austin, C Calderwood, G Mabbutt, C Wilson, R Fox, D Howells, S Campbell (sub: J Dozzell, 55), P McMahon (sub: R Rosenthal, 72), E Sheringham, C Armstrong.
Booked: Austin.
Referee: R Dilkes

SOUTHAMPTON (1) 1 LIVERPOOL (1) 3
Watson 2. 15,245 — McManaman 21, 54; Redknapp 73
Southampton: D Beasant, J Dodd, F Benali, R Hall, M Le Tissier, G Watson, N Shipperley (sub: C Maskell, 64min), A Widdrington (sub: N Heaney, 64), S Charlton, D Hughes, P Tisdale.
Booked: Le Tissier. Sent off: Le Tissier (68).
Liverpool: D James, J McAteer, S Harkness, J Scales, M Wright, P Babb, S McManaman, J Redknapp, I Rush, J Barnes, R Fowler
Booked: Babb
Referee: D Gallagher

GOALSCORERS

	Lge	Cup	Euro	Total
Ferdinand (Newcastle)	13	2	0	15
Shearer (Blackburn)	9	4	0	13
Sheringham (Tottnhm)	8	3	0	11
Yeboah (Leeds)	8	0	3	11
Wright (Arsenal)	7	4	0	11
Fowler (Liverpool)	8	1	0	9
Scholes (Man Utd)	6	2	1	9
Holdsworth (Wmbldn)	4	4	0	8
Dichio (QPR)	6	1	0	7

FA CUP FIRST ROUND DRAW

JOHN Keeley, the former Brighton goalkeeper, has the FA Cup tie he and his club, Canvey Island, wanted. Next month, Keeley and the Essex club face Brighton, the struggling Endsleigh league second division side, in the first round.

Canvey Island, who play in the ICIS league second division, are only in the competition after King's Lynn — who beat them in the third qualifying round — were disqualified for fielding a suspended player. They made the most of that reprieve on Saturday when they surprised Hednesford Town, among the GM Conference leaders, 2-0 to reach the first round proper for the first time in their 69-year history.

The club also has Roy McDonough, the former Colchester United player-manager, and former professionals Glenn Pennyfather and Tony Mahoney, play at the 2,500-capacity Park Lane stadium. But Canvey may have to switch the match with Brighton to Southend's Roots Hall ground.

FA CUP

Hull City v Wrexham
Blackpool v Chester City
Barrow v Nuneaton Borough
Bradford City v Burton Albion
Runcorn v Wigan Athletic
Scarborough v Chesterfield
Mansfield Town v Doncaster Rovers
Northwich Victoria v Scunthorpe United
Shrewsbury Town v Marine
Carlisle United v Preston North End
Telford United v Witton Albion
York City v Notts County
Bury v Blyth Spartans
Altrincham v Crewe Alexandra
Burnley v Walsall
Hartlepool United v Darlington
Rochdale v Rotherham United
Stockport County v Lincoln City
Spennymoor United v Stalybridge Celtic or Colwyn Bay
Hereford United v Stevenage Borough
Kingstonian v Billericay Town or Wisbech Town
Canvey Island v Brighton
Wycombe Wanderers v Gillingham
Purfleet or Rushden and Diamonds v Cardiff City
Oxford United v Dorchester Town
Kidderminster Harriers v Sutton United
Exeter City v Peterborough United
Fulham v Swansea City
Bournemouth v Bristol City
Torquay United v Leyton Orient
Barnet v Woking
Gravesend and Northfleet or Marlow v Colchester United
Swindon Town v Cambridge United
Hitchin Town v Bristol Rovers
Newport (IOW) or Bashley v Enfield
Bognor Regis v Ashford Town
Slough v Plymouth Argyle
Brentford v Farnborough Town
Cinderford v Kettering or Bromsgrove
Northampton Town v Hayes

Ties to be played Nov 11, 12 and 13.

FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt	Goal diff
		HOME					AWAY						
1 Newcastle	10	5	0	0	15	2	4	0	1	11	5	27	+19
2 Man Utd	10	4	1	0	11	4	3	1	1	10	7	23	+10
3 Arsenal	10	3	2	0	9	4	3	1	1	6	1	21	+10
4 Middlesbro	10	4	1	0	7	1	2	2	1	4	3	21	+7
5 Liverpool	10	4	1	0	10	2	2	1	2	8	6	20	+10
6 Nottm For	10	3	2	0	10	5	2	3	0	8	6	20	+7
7 Aston Villa	10	3	1	1	7	3	2	1	2	5	5	17	+4
8 Leeds	10	3	0	2	6	6	2	2	1	8	6	17	+2
9 Tottenham	10	2	0	3	6	7	2	3	0	9	6	15	+2
10 Chelsea	10	2	2	1	7	6	2	1	2	4	5	15	0
11 Blackburn	10	3	1	1	10	5	0	1	4	3	10	11	-2
12 Sheff Wed	10	1	1	3	3	7	2	1	2	6	5	11	-3
13 West Ham	10	1	2	2	6	8	1	2	2	3	4	10	-3
14 Wimbledon	10	2	1	2	8	9	1	0	4	6	14	10	-9
15 Everton	10	1	1	3	6	9	1	2	2	6	6	9	-3
16 QPR	10	1	0	4	5	12	2	0	3	4	4	9	-7
17 Coventry	10	1	2	2	3	6	0	2	3	4	12	7	-11
18 Soton	10	1	2	2	6	8	0	1	4	3	11	6	-10
19 Bolton	10	1	2	2	5	7	0	0	5	6	15	5	-10
20 Man City	10	0	2	3	1	5	0	0	5	2	10	2	-12

Endsleigh Insurance League

FIRST DIVISION

BARNSLEY (1) 1 PORT VALE (1) 1
Archdeacon 2. 7,332 — Guppy 38

BIRMINGHAM (0) 3 GRIMSBY (0) 1
Claridge 52, 89; Charlery 72 — Woods 77. 16,445

CHARLTON (0) 1 NORWICH (0) 1
Bowyer 69. 13,369 — Bowen 73
Sent off: J Robinson (Charlton) 88

HUDDERSFIELD (0) 1 SUNDERLAND (0) 1
Booth 70. 16,054 — Gray 83

OLDHAM (1) 2 READING (1) 1
Richardson 24, Beresford 66 — Lovell 42. 5,709

SHEFFIELD UTD (1) 1 LEICESTER (1) 3
Flo 16. 13,100 — Roberts 5, Taylor 70, Lowe 79

TRANMERE (1) 3 SOUTHEND (0) 0
Moore 42, 90; Bennett 79 — 6,584

WATFORD (0) 1 WOLVERHAMPTON (1) 1
Holdsworth 57. 11,319 — Daley 45

WEST BROMWICH (0) 2 PORTSMOUTH (0) 1
Ashcroft 64, Hunt 89 — McLoughlin 59 (pen). 16,257
Sent off: G Butters (Portsmouth) 82

Yesterday

C PALACE (1) 1 MILLWALL (2) 2
Gordon 31. 14,338 — Malkin 3, Fuchs 34

IPSWICH (0) 0 LUTON (1) 1
9,123 — Oldfield 24

STOKE CITY (0) 1 DERBY COUNTY (0) 1
Keen 66. 9,435 — Van der Laan 89

SECOND DIVISION

BRENTFORD (2) 3 PETERBOROUGH (0) 0
Bates 12, 45; Grainger 49 (pen) — 4,565
Sent off: G Rioch (Peterborough) 49

BRISTOL R (0) 0 NOTTS COUNTY (1) 3
6,078 — Nicol 33, Arkins 56, Legg 73

BURNLEY (3) 3 BRIGHTON (0) 0
Eyres 4, Swan 33, Nogan 36 — 9,016
Sent off: W Joyce (Burnley) 75

CARLISLE (2) 2 BRADFORD (0) 2
Reeves 10, Edmondson 31. 6,274 — Shutt 74, Showler 89

CHESTERFIELD (1) 1 SHREWSBURY (0) 0
Law 21 — 3,920

HULL (0) 1 STOCKPORT (1) 1
Abbott 78. 3,496 — Dewhurst 35 (og)

OXFORD UTD (0) 1 WYCOMBE (3) 4
Smith 54. 7,731 — Farrell 17, Howard 32, De Souza 36, McGavin 79 (pen)

ROTHERHAM (0) 2 BLACKPOOL (0) 1
Jeffrey 50, 56. 3,663 — Preece 58 (pen)

SWANSEA (0) 1 BOURNEMOUTH (1) 1
Hodge 62. 1,988 — Jones 17

SWINDON (0) 2 CREWE (0) 1
Allison 58, Finney 87 (pen) — Garvey 78. 12,633

WALSALL (0) 1 WREXHAM (0) 2
Wilson 57. 4,020 — Connolly 87 (pen), Hunter 90

YORK (0) 0 BRISTOL CITY (1) 1
3,367 — Nugent 24
Sent off: S Paterson (Bristol City) 61

THIRD DIVISION

BARNET (0) 0 ROCHDALE (0) 4
2,039 — Peake 49, Stuart 70, 74, Whitehall 85

BURY (0) 0 SCARBOROUGH (1) 2
2,590 — Page 36, Todd 86

CAMBRIDGE UTD (0) 0 DARLINGTON (1) 1
2,730 — Painter 11

CHESTER (1) 1 FULHAM (0) 1
Bishop 31. 2,752 — Conroy 86

COLCHESTER (0) 1 NORTHAMPTON (0) 0
Kinsella 60 — 3,823

GILLINGHAM (1) 4 DONCASTER (0) 0
O'Connor 25, Ratcliffe 50, Bailey 63, Harris 77 — 6,307

HEREFORD (0) 2 EXETER (0) 2
White 58, Blatherwick 84. 2,249 — Blatherwick 48 (og), Buckle 52
Sent off: M Gavin (Exeter) 75

LINCOLN (0) 0 CARDIFF (0) 1
2,453 — Gardner 84
Sent off: M Carbon (Lincoln) 43, S Haworth (Cardiff) 78

PLYMOUTH (2) 4 TORQUAY (3) 3
Littlejohn 8, 37, 85; Mauge 79. 11,695 — Ndah 16, 33; Partridge 40
Sent off: I Gore (Torquay) 64

PRESTON (3) 6 MANSFIELD (0) 0
Wilkinson 13, 38, 75; Saville 34, 68, 84 — 8,989
Sent off: M Peters (Mansfield) 65

SCUNTHORPE (1) 2 LEYTON ORIENT (0) 0
Paterson 13, Hope 81 — 2,315

WIGAN (0) 1 HARTLEPOOL (0) 0
Diaz 90 — 2,104

GOALSCORERS

First division: 10 Goodman (Wolverhampton). 9 Aldridge (Tranmere), Bowyer (Charlton). 8 Blake (Sheffield United), Booth (Huddersfield).
Second division: 14 White (Notts Co). 11 Goater (Rotherham), Jones (Bournemouth). 10 De Souza (Wycombe), Barnes (York), Nogan (Burnley)
Third division: 14 Dale (Cardiff). 10 Littlejohn (Plymouth), Saville (Preston)

BELL'S LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP

PREMIER DIVISION

ABERDEEN (1) 3 PARTICK (0) 0
Craig 24 (og), Jess 54, Bernard 79 — 12,800

HIBERNIAN (3) 4 MOTHERWELL (0) 2
Jackson 2, 19 (pen); Wright 30; O'Neill 89 — Hendry 74, 90. 9,896

KILMARNOCK (0) 0 CELTIC (0) 0
14,011

RAITH (0) 0 FALKIRK (1) 1
4,715 — McGrillen 44

RANGERS (3) 4 HEARTS (0) 1
Gascoigne 1, Salenko 25, 84, Durie 36 — Millar 79. 45,155

FIRST DIVISION

DUNDEE (1) 1 CLYDEBANK (0) 1
Duffy 31. 2,708 — Bowman 86

DUNFERMLINE (2) 3 DUMBARTON (1) 1
Petrie 13, Shaw 22, 60 — Gibson 14. 3,842

G MORTON (2) 4 ST JOHNSTONE (0) 0
Anderson 12, Hawke 41, 53, 89 — 3,313
Sent off: J Weir (St Johnstone) 48

HAMILTON (0) 0 DUNDEE UTD (0) 1
1,719 — McSwegan 47

ST MIRREN (1) 1 AIRDRIE (1) 2
Taylor 27. 2,501 — McIntyre 45, Harvey 78

SECOND DIVISION

BERWICK (1) 4 STRANRAER (0) 0
Irvine 8, Neil 69, Forrester 84, Fraser 89 — 433
Sent off: G Millar (Stranraer) 85

CLYDE (1) 1 AYR (1) 2
Annand 3. 1,195 — Moore 35, Bilsland 68

EAST FIFE (1) 1 FORFAR (1) 1
Scott 30. 912 — Higgins 31

MONTROSE (0) 2 STIRLING (2) 2
McGlashan 55, Smith 65. 629 — McQuillan 6, Bone 44

STENHOUSEMUIR (2) 2 QUEEN OF SOUTH (0) 1
Hutchison 29, Little 38 — Bryce 74. 550

THIRD DIVISION

ALLOA (2) 3 BRECHIN (0) 2
Watters 27, Rixon 31, Moffat 88 — McNeill 46, Ross 67. 371

ARBROATH (1) 1 ROSS COUNTY (2) 2
Porteous 3. 603 — Connelly 4, Williamson 14

CALEY THISTLE (6) 6 ALBION (0) 1
Stewart 13 (pen), 23, 37; Ross 15; Mitchell 21, 28 — McEwan 73. 1,167
Sent off: J Gallagher (Albion) 13

EAST STIRLING (1) 3 COWDENBEATH (1) 1
Hunter 42, 84; Watt 56 — Soutar 31. 284

QUEEN'S PARK (0) 0 LIVINGSTON (1) 1
590 — Young 7

CONFERENCE

GATESHEAD (0) 1 DOVER (1) 1
Cramman 63. 512 — Hayes 26

KIDDERMINSTER (0) 1 ALTRINCHAM (0) 1
Davies 90. 2,429 — Terry 56

WELLING (0) 1 WOKING (0) 2
Morah 73 (pen). 1,066 — Steele 49, Brown 82

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
		HOME					AWAY					
1 Kiddermnstr	15	6	2	0	17	6	3	1	3	14	14	30
2 Woking	14	7	0	0	16	3	2	0	5	9	13	27
3 Macclesfield	14	5	1	2	14	9	3	1	2	11	13	26
4 Bromsgrove	14	5	1	1	14	5	2	2	3	9	14	24
5 Hednesford	10	3	1	0	10	2	4	0	2	10	6	22
6 Kettering	14	4	2	0	15	3	2	2	4	15	20	22
7 Gateshead	14	4	3	1	10	6	2	2	3	6	9	22
8 Slough	14	2	2	4	16	21	4	0	2	11	8	20
9 Altrincham	14	3	2	2	13	9	2	2	3	6	9	19
10 Halifax	15	5	1	3	12	9	1	0	5	5	12	19
11 Farnborough	10	3	2	1	13	5	2	1	1	9	7	18
12 Stevenage	10	2	1	1	8	5	3	2	1	10	10	18
13 Northwich	10	3	0	2	9	7	2	2	1	7	5	17
14 Stalybridge	13	4	1	2	11	12	1	1	4	6	8	17
15 Bath	13	3	1	3	8	10	2	1	4	4	10	17
16 Southport	13	2	2	3	9	10	2	2	2	12	12	16
17 Morecambe	12	4	0	2	14	10	0	2	4	6	14	14
18 Runcorn	14	3	1	2	9	8	1	1	6	7	18	14
19 Telford	12	2	2	2	9	8	1	1	4	5	13	12
20 Welling	13	1	1	3	8	10	1	2	4	7	10	9
21 Dover	13	1	0	5	9	14	1	2	4	7	12	8
22 Dag & Red	11	1	2	2	6	9	0	0	6	2	13	5

GOALSCORERS

Premier division: 8 Jackson (Hibernian); Booth (Aberdeen). 6 McCoist (Rangers); Arnott (Motherwell); Craig (Partick), Thom (Celtic). 5 Cameron (Raith); Collins (Celtic), Lawrence (Hearts); Robertson (Hearts), Van Hooydonk (Celtic).
First division: 10 Hamilton (Dundee). 9 Hawke (Greenock Morton). 8 Petrie (Dunfermline); Shaw (Dunfermline). 7 Shaw (Dundee). 6 Lilley (Greenock Morton). 5 O'Boyle (St Johnstone), Grady (Clydebank), McIntyre (Airdrie); Connolly (Dundee United).
Second division: 10 Irvine (Berwick). 9 Scott (East Fife). 8 Hutchison (Stenhousemuir), McCormick (Stirling). 6 Little (Stenhousemuir)
Third division: 11 Stewart (Caley Thistle). 10 Young (Livingston). 8 Young (Albion), Brand (Brechin)



Schwinkendorf, of Fortuna Düsseldorf, is sandwiched by Wagner and Marshall, of Kaiserslautern in the German League. Kaiserslautern won the match 2-0.

EUROPEAN

DUTCH LEAGUE: De Graafschap Doetinchem 0 Roda JC Kerkrade 2; Willem II Tilburg 1 RKC Waalwijk 2; Fortuna Sittard 1 Heerenveen 2; Go Ahead Eagles Deventer 1 Vitesse Arnhem 3; NEC Nijmegen 2 Volendam 1; PSV Eindhoven 7 Groningen 1. Leading positions: 1, Ajax Amsterdam, played 9, 27 points; 2, PSV Eindhoven, 10, 25; 3, Willem II Tilburg, 10, 19; 4, Heerenveen, 10, 18.

FRENCH LEAGUE: Bastia 1 Strasbourg 1; Bordeaux 0 Rennes 0; Gueugnon 1 Cannes 1; Guingamp 2 Le Havre 2; Lille 0 Metz 0; Monaco 3 Montpellier 1; Nantes 0 Lyon 0; Nice 1 Martigues 0; St Etienne 1 Lens 1.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Metz	14	9	5	0	17	5	32
Lens	14	8	5	1	20	10	29
Auxerre	13	8	1	4	25	14	25
Paris SG	13	7	4	2	22	11	25
Monaco	14	7	3	4	25	18	24
Guingamp	14	5	7	2	12	8	22
Nantes	14	5	6	3	16	14	21
Montpellier	14	6	3	5	19	18	21
Bastia	14	6	2	6	21	21	20
Nice	14	5	4	5	15	13	19
Strasbourg	14	4	6	4	18	14	18
Bordeaux	14	5	3	6	16	17	18
Rennes	14	5	3	6	16	19	18
Lyon	14	3	6	5	13	17	15
Le Havre	14	4	3	7	10	21	15
St Etienne	14	3	5	6	19	23	14
Gueugnon	14	2	6	6	10	19	12
Lille	14	2	4	8	10	20	10
Martigues	14	3	1	10	8	19	10
Cannes	14	3	1	10	16	27	10

GERMAN LEAGUE: Freiburg 0 Hamburg 3; 1860 Munich 1 Karlsruhe 1; VfB Stuttgart 3 Eintracht Frankfurt 2; St Pauli 0 Bayern Munich 1; Borussia Dortmund 3 Cologne 0; Kaiserslautern 2 Fortuna Duesseldorf 0; Bayer Leverkusen 0 Schalke 0; Uerdingen 1 Hansa Rostock 1. Leading positions: 1, Bayern Munich, played 10, 24 points; 2, Borussia Dortmund, 10, 21; 3, Hansa Rostock, 10, 16; 4, VFB Stuttgart, 10, 16.

ITALIAN LEAGUE: Bari 3 Cagliari 0; Cremonese 1 Atalanta 1; Inter Milan 0 Lazio 0; Juventus 3 Padova 1; Piacenza 0 Napoli 1; Roma 1 Parma 1; Udinese 1 Torino 0; Vicenza 1 AC Milan 1.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Milan	7	5	1	1	12	5	16
Juventus	7	4	2	1	13	5	14
Parma	7	4	2	1	11	7	14
Napoli	7	4	2	1	10	8	14
Lazio	7	3	4	0	12	6	13
Fiorentina	6	4	0	2	10	7	12
Vicenza	7	3	2	2	7	5	11
Udinese	7	3	2	2	9	8	11
Inter	7	2	3	2	8	5	9
Bari	7	2	2	3	10	12	8
Atalanta	7	2	3	2	7	9	9
Roma	7	1	4	2	6	7	7
Cagliari	7	2	1	4	4	9	7
Piacenza	7	2	1	4	7	14	7
Sampdoria	6	1	3	2	8	7	6
Torino	7	1	3	3	7	12	6
Cremonese	7	0	2	5	6	13	2
Padova	7	0	1	6	5	15	1

SPANISH LEAGUE: Valladolid 0 A Madrid 1.

NON-LEAGUE AND NATIONAL LEAGUES

UNIBOND

Premier division: Accrington Stanley 0 Droylsden 2; Chorley 0 Boston 2; Frickley 0 Buxton 2; Gainsborough 2 Knowsley 1; Hyde 2 Bamber Bridge 3; Leek 2 Emley 2; Matlock 1 Bishop Auckland 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Bamber Bridge	16	9	6	1	34	16	33
Boston Utd	18	10	2	6	39	25	32
Guiseley	15	8	5	2	31	18	29
Witton Alb	17	8	2	7	29	27	26
Emley	16	7	4	5	19	15	25
Barrow	12	7	3	2	31	15	24
Hyde Utd	14	7	2	5	28	15	23
Spennymoor	16	6	5	5	26	17	23
Blyth Spartans	14	6	4	4	27	22	22
Gainsborough	14	6	3	5	21	20	21
Acc Stanley	13	6	2	5	20	20	20
B Auckland	15	5	5	5	16	20	20
Marine	11	5	3	3	14	8	18
Leek Town	14	4	6	4	19	17	18
Chorley	14	5	3	6	18	20	18
Colwyn Bay	14	3	6	5	14	23	15
Droylsden	15	4	3	8	22	35	15
Buxton	16	3	5	8	13	33	14
Winsford Utd	10	3	4	3	7	11	13
Frickley	14	3	4	7	18	27	13
Matlock	15	1	4	10	21	33	7
Knowsley	16	1	3	12	16	46	6

First division: Ashton United 2 Whitley Bay 3; Congleton 1 Lincoln United 3; Farsley Celtic 1 Alfreton 0; Fleetwood 1 Harrogate Town 2; Great Harwood 1 Eastwood Town 0; Leigh 1 Gretna 3; Radcliffe 4 Workington 1; Warrington 3 Netherfield 6; Worksop 0 Curzon Ashton 3.

BEAZER HOMES

Premier division: Atherstone 0 Sudbury 3; Chelmsford 1 Gloucester 1; Halesowen 2 Stafford 2; Hastings 2 Merthyr 1; Ilkeston 3 Baldock 2; Newport AFC 5 VS Rugby 2; Worcester 2 Cambridge City 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Rushden & D	10	8	1	1	24	6	25
Gloucester	12	7	3	2	23	8	24
Worcester	12	7	3	2	20	10	24
Cheltenham	11	8	0	3	21	13	24
Newport AFC	11	7	2	2	22	13	23
Merthyr	11	6	1	4	24	19	19
Baldock	11	5	3	3	22	10	18
Gravesend & N	11	5	2	4	21	18	17
Halesowen	10	4	4	2	16	12	16
Crawley	11	4	3	4	17	17	15
Sudbury	11	3	5	3	20	19	14
Chelmsford	11	4	2	5	13	18	14
Dorchester	10	4	1	5	13	13	13
Burton	11	3	4	4	17	19	13
Hastings	11	3	4	4	14	18	13
Gresley	11	3	4	4	9	14	13
Cambridge C	12	4	1	7	15	21	13
Atherstone	10	3	3	4	15	14	12
Salisbury	9	3	1	5	10	12	10
Ilkeston	10	2	2	6	12	29	8
VS Rugby	12	1	2	9	8	32	5
Stafford	12	0	1	11	11	36	1

Midland division: Bedworth 1 Paget 1; Hinckley Town 2 Boston 4; Leicester United 0 Dudley Town 5; Moor Green 1 Rothwell 1; Racing Club Warwick 2 Bridgnorth 1; Redditch 0 Solihull 0; Stourbridge 1 Grantham 5; Sutton Coldfield Town 3 Buckingham Town 0; Tamworth 3 Bury Town 0

Southern division: Clevedon 4 Witney 3; Fareham 5 Erith and Belvedere 1; Havant 1 Fleet 0; Margate 2 Weymouth 1; Waterlooville 4 Tonbridge Angels 1

ICIS

Premier division: Grays 0 Bishop's Stortford 2; Hendon 2 Bromley 0; Molesey 1 Dulwich 2; Worthing 2 Carshalton 3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Enfield	14	9	3	2	29	9	30
Carshalton	11	8	1	2	20	14	25
Dulwich	10	7	2	1	21	8	23
Boreham Wood	10	7	2	1	18	8	23
Aylesbury	12	6	3	3	24	14	21
Kingstonian	13	5	6	2	18	11	21
Hayes	9	5	4	0	14	5	19
St Albans	10	5	3	2	19	11	18
Yeovil	11	4	3	4	15	16	15
Harrow	9	4	2	3	16	13	14
Sutton	12	3	5	4	23	23	14
Chertsey	10	4	2	4	14	17	14
Yeading	13	3	5	5	14	18	14
B Stortford	10	3	4	3	13	13	13
Molesey	11	3	2	6	11	21	11
Hitchin	9	2	2	5	8	17	8
Worthing	10	1	4	5	13	19	7
Hendon	9	1	3	5	7	17	6
Grays	11	1	3	7	6	17	6
Bromley	10	1	2	7	8	16	5
Purfleet	8	0	4	4	6	15	4
Walton & H	10	1	1	8	6	22	4

First division: Abingdon Town 4 Oxford City 2; Barking 2 Whyteleafe 2; Basingstoke 2 Chesham 1; Berkhamsted 1 Leyton Pennant 1; Heybridge Swifts 5 Thame 1; Staines 2 Maidenhead United 1; Tooting and Mitcham 1 Wembley 1; Wokingham 1 Barton 1. Second division: Cheshunt 1 Tilbury 1; Collier Row 9 Witham 0; Dorking 0 Banstead 2; Egham 0 Hampton 2; Hemel Hempstead 1 Chalfont St Peter 4; Hungerford 0 Bedford Town 0; Metropolitan Police 1 Croydon 0; Saffron Walden 2 Leatherhead 2; Ware 2 Wivenhoe 1. Postponed: Canvey Island v Edgware. Third division: Camberley 1 Aveley 2; East Thurrock 1 Leighton 1; Epsom and Ewell 2 Clapton 1; Flackwell Heath 0 Harlow 1; Hornchurch 1 Horsham 4; Kingsbury 1 Tring 0; Northwood 3 Cove 2; Southall 3 Harefield 2; Wealdstone 1 Windsor and Eton 5; Wingate and Finchley 1 Lewes 0.

FA CUP

Fourth qualifying round: Ashford 2 Aldershot 0; Aylesbury 1 Stevenage 3; Billericay 1 Wisbech 1; Blyth Spartans 2 Guiseley 0; Burton 3 Bracknell 1; Cinderford T 3 Bath 2; Farnborough 2 Yeovil 1; Gravesend and Northfleet 1 Marlow 1; Hayes 4 Sudbury W 0; Hitchin 2 St Albans 1; Kettering 0 Bromsgrove 0; Canvey Island 2 Hednesford 0; Kingstonian 3 Trowbridge 1; Macclesfield 0 Northwich 1; Marine 2 Bradford Pk Ave 0; Newport IOW 1 Bashley 1; Nuneaton 6 Evesham 1; Purfleet 1 Rushden and Diamonds 1; Runcorn 2 Halifax 1; Sittingbourne 1 Dorchester 2; Spennymoor 1 Lancaster 0; Stalybridge 2 Colwyn Bay 2; Sutton United 4 Crawley 1; Telford 3 Southport 0; Tiverton 1 Bognor 4; Winsford 0 Barrow 3; Witton 3 Morecambe 2; Yeading 0 Slough 2

FEDERATION BREWERY NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Bedlington 4 Shildon 2; Billingham Synthonia 3 Eppleton CW 0; Chester-le-Street 1 Consett 2; Dunston Federation 2 Crook 5; Ferryhill 0 West Auckland 3; Guisborough 2 Stockton 0; Peterlee 0 Whitby 5; RTM Newcastle 1 Durham 3; Seaham Red Star 3 Murton 0; Tow Law 4 Whickham 0

JEWSON EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Clacton 4 Lowestoft 2; Diss 3 Felixstowe 1; Fakenham 1 Tiptree 1; Great Yarmouth 0 Cornard 0; Harwich and Parkeston 4 Woodbridge 2; Newmarket 3 Sudbury 2; Soham 3 Stowmarket 2; Watton 2 Haverhill 1; Wroxham 5 March 0.

NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Bootle 1 Glossop North End 3; Burscough 0 Flixton 1; Clitheroe first Holens 1; Darwen 1 Maine Road 0; Eastwood Hanley 0 Prescot 0; Holker Old Boys 5 Kidsgrove 1; Mossley 1 Penrith 0; Nantwich 0 Salford 2; Newcastle Town 1 Blackpool Rovers 0; Skelmersdale 0 Chadderton 2; Trafford 0 Rossendale 2.

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Ashfield 0 Stocksbridge P.S. 1; Belper Town 0 Ossett Albion 1; Brigg 1 Goole 4; Hallam 2 Arnold 0; Hatfield Main 3 Armthorpe Welfare 2; Hucknall 1 Liversedge 1; North Ferriby 4 Sheffield 0; Ossett Town 2 Maltby MW 2; Pickering 2 Denaby 1; Thackley 1 Glasshoughton Welfare 2

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Brislington 3 Barnstaple 3; Torrington 1 Bridport 0, Westbury 0 Crediton 1

COMBINED COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Ashford 2 Chipstead 2; Cranleigh 0 Peppard 2; DCA Basingstoke 1 Bedfont 0; Eton Wick 3 Ash 3; Godalming and Guildford 2 Raynes Park Vale 4; Horley 1 Farnham 3; Merstham 1 Feltham 3; Netherne 1 Hartley Wintney 2; Sandhurst 1 Westfield 1; Viking Sports 2 Cobham 0; Walton Casuals 2 Reading 1.

ESSEX SENIOR LEAGUE: Premier division: Bowers 2 East Ham 1; Brentwood 2 Basildon 0; Eton Manor 2 Southend Manor 1; Maldon 1 Concord 0; Romford 9 Hullbridge Sports 0; Sawbridgeworth 1 Ford United 1

HEREWARD SPORTS UNITED COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Cogenhoe 1 Holbeach 1; Desborough 7 Wellingborough 1; Mirrlees Blackstone 2 Kempston 1; Potton 0 Spalding 0; Raunds 2 Newport Pagnell 1; St Neots 1 Stotfold 3; S and L Corby 5 Bourne 4; Wootton 2 Eynesbury 4.

INTERLINK EXPRESS MIDLAND ALLIANCE: Blakenall 0 Rocester 0; Boldmere St Michaels 1 Rushall Olympic 2; Hinckley Athletic 3 Knypersley 1; Oldbury 2 Chasetown 0; Sandwell 1 Bolehall Swifts 1; Shepshed Dynamo 2 Halesowen Harriers 0; Shifnal 0 Pershore 2; Stapenhill 0 Willenhall 1; Stratford 2 Barwell 3.

MINERVA SOUTH MIDLANDS LEAGUE: Premier division: Arlesey 2 Dunstable 1; Harpenden 1 Royston 2; Hatfield 2 Letchworth 2; Hoddesdon 2 Potters Bar 0; Langford 2 Milton Keynes 0; Shillington 0 London Colney 2; Totternhoe 1 Brache Sparta 0; Welwyn Garden 4 Buckingham Athletic 1

NUCLEAR ELECTRIC KENT COUNTY LEAGUE: First division: Bishopsbourne 2 Kennington 1; Bromley Green 0 Tenterden 2; Broomfield 3 St Margarets 0; Maidstone Invicta 6 Wellcome 3; Snowdown 5 Bond Sports 2; Woodnesborough 2 N Romney 3

OLD BOYS LEAGUE: Premier division: Meadonians 4 Tenisonians 2; Isleworthians 2 Glyn Old Boys 4. First division: Tensonians 1 Shene Old Grammarians 2; Suttonians 3 Manorians 0. Second division: Latymer 1 Westhamians 2; Wokingians 5 Tollingtonians 2; Phoenix Old Boys 1 Meadonians 0. Third division: John Fisher Old Boys 2 Glyn Old Boys 2. Cup: Bradfieldians 1 Hamptonians 2; Buckwellians 3 Clapham 0; Chigwellians 2 Ignatians 1; Danes 0 Vaughanians 3; City of London 3 Phoenix 4; Chertsey 8 Wood Green 4; Edmontonians 6 Wilsonians 7; Southallians 0 Brentwoods 3; Enfield 4 Mill Hill 2; Manchendians 0 Chomeleians 1; Reigatians 3 Sinjuns 1; Grocers 7 Leyton 2; Wykehamists 3 Albanians 5.

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES: First division: Arsenal 2 Millwall 0; Cambridge United 0 Ipswich Town 6; Portsmouth 2 Leyton Orient 1; Southend United 2 Fulham 3. Second division: Brentford 2 Tottenham Hotspur 1; Brighton and Hove 1 Barnet 0; Reading 3 Colchester 2; Wycombe Wanderers 2 Bristol City 3. League cup second round: Bristol Rovers 0 Watford 1; Charlton Athletic 0 Wimbledon 0; Luton Town 1 Crystal Palace 1; Norwich City 3 Gillingham 2; Oxford United 1 Swindon Town 1; QPR 1 Tottenham Hotspur 2; Southampton 2 Bournemouth 0; West Ham United 0 Chelsea 0.

ENDSLEIGH MIDLAND COMBINATION: Premier division: Bloxwich 1 Coleshill 0; Handrahan Timbers 0 Kings Heath 0; Massey Ferguson 3 Upton 2; West Midland Fire Service 1 Highgate 1; Wellesbourne 2 Meir KA 2

HELLENIC LEAGUE: Premier division: Brackley 4 Abingdon United 1; Carterton 0 Burnham 2; Lambourn Sports 1 Banbury 0; North Leigh 4 Kintbury 4.

SOUTHERN AMATEUR LEAGUE: West Wickham 3 Winchmore Hill 3; Carshalton 2 Crouch End Vampires 0; Old Actonians 3 South Bank Poly 2; Kew Association 1 East Barnet OG 0; Norsemen 3 Civil Service 1; Old Esthameians 0 NatWest Bank 2; Lloyds Bank 1 Old Parkonians 1; Polytechnic res 4 Old Lyonians 2; Old Stationers 1 Old Bromleians 0; Barclays Bank 5 Midland Bank 1; Alleyn OB 4 Ibis 1; Old Westminster Citizens 1 Merton 2; Old Salesians 0 Cuaco 0; Bank of England 3 Broomfield 3; Southgate Olympic 0 Brentham 1

SOUTHERN OLYMPIAN LEAGUE: First division: Old Owens 3 Witan 3; St Marys College 0 Parkfield 2. Second division: Hadley 2 Honourable Artillery Co. 3; Mill Hill Village 1 Old Finchleians 5; UCL Academicals 4 Corinthian Casuals 3. Third division: BBC 1 Hampstead Heathens 3; Birkbeck College 3 Polygons 3; Duncombe Sports 0 Fulham Compton OB 2. Postponed: Old Monovians v Westerns. Fourth division: Inland Revenue 3 Centymca 2; Mayfield 6 London Airways 3; Old Colleians 2 Cardinal Pole 1; Pegasus 4 Bourneside 2.

ARTHURIAN LEAGUE: Arthur Dunn Cup: Salopians 0 Reptonians 1. Premier division: Etonians 2 Lancing 3. First division: Ardinians 2 Westminsters 1; Haileyburians 4 Harrovians 3.

WINSTONLEAD KENT LEAGUE: First division: Corinthian 1 Tunbridge Wells 0; Crockenhill 2 Ramsgate 2; Greenwich 2 Slade G 0; Hythe 3 Chatham 4; Sheppey 1 Furness 3; Thamesmead 1 Deal 2

HIGHLAND LEAGUE: Brora 0 Clachnacuddin 3; Forres Mechanics 2 Fort William 0; Huntly 3 Peterhead 6; Wick Academy 3 Nairn County 1.

NATIONAL

LEAGUE OF WALES: Aberystwyth 1 Rhyl 2; Afan Lido 2 Holywell 0; Caernarfon 0 Barry 2; Connah's Quay 6 Caersws 3; Flint Town 1 Cwmbran 3; Inter Cardiff 1 Llansantffraid 1; Llanelli 2 Briton Ferry 3; Newtown 3 Cemaes Bay 0; Porthmadog 3 Ebbw Vale 1; Ton Pentre 1 Conwy 3.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Newtown	10	7	1	2	16	6	22
Conwy	10	6	3	1	29	16	21
Barry Town	10	6	2	2	21	9	20
Ebbw Vale	12	6	2	4	18	16	20
Connah's Quay	10	5	4	1	28	17	19
Holywell	11	6	1	4	23	21	19
Bangor City	11	5	3	3	20	15	18
Flint Town	11	5	2	4	18	13	17
Cwmbran	11	4	4	3	21	13	16
Inter Cardiff	11	4	3	4	20	17	15
Llansantffraid	12	4	3	5	21	20	15
Caernarfon T	12	3	6	3	19	22	15
Afan Lido	10	4	2	4	12	13	14
Ton Pentre	11	3	3	5	15	18	12
Caersws	11	4	0	7	22	36	12
Rhyl	10	3	2	5	9	16	11
Aberystwyth	10	3	1	6	18	21	10
Porthmadog	10	3	1	6	17	22	10
Briton Ferry	10	3	1	6	15	30	10
Cemaes Bay	10	2	3	5	17	24	9
Llanelli	11	2	1	8	16	29	7

SMIRNOFF IRISH LEAGUE: Premier division: Ards 0 Crusaders 0; Glenavon 1 Bangor 0; Glentoran 1 Portadown 1; Linfield 0 Cliftonville 0. First division: Ballymena 0 Distillery 1; Carrick 3 Ballyclare 0; Coleraine 1 Larne 0; Newry 1 Omagh 2.

Endsleigh Insurance League

FIRST DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt	Gls
		HOME					AWAY						
1 Leicester	13	2	2	2	10	10	5	2	0	12	5	25	22
2 Millwall	13	2	2	2	6	6	5	2	0	9	4	25	15
3 West Brom	13	5	1	1	10	4	2	2	2	9	9	24	19
4 Birmingham	13	4	3	0	12	4	2	1	3	10	9	22	22
5 Sunderland	13	2	3	1	8	6	3	3	1	7	6	21	15
6 Tranmere	12	3	3	1	13	8	2	2	1	7	4	20	20
7 Oldham	13	4	2	1	13	7	1	3	2	5	6	20	18
8 Norwich	13	3	2	1	7	4	2	3	2	11	10	20	18
9 Barnsley	13	3	3	1	11	12	2	1	3	9	13	19	20
10 Charlton	13	3	3	1	10	7	1	3	2	7	6	18	17
11 Huddersfield	13	4	1	2	12	8	1	1	4	5	12	17	17
12 Grimsby	13	2	4	0	6	4	2	1	4	7	11	17	13
13 Southend	13	4	1	1	7	4	1	1	5	5	12	17	12
14 Ipswich	13	4	0	3	14	11	0	4	2	6	9	16	20
15 Reading	13	3	1	2	12	10	0	5	2	5	8	15	17
16 Stoke	13	1	4	2	5	6	2	2	2	10	12	15	15
17 Derby	13	1	4	1	5	5	2	2	3	9	12	15	17
18 Wolves	13	2	2	2	9	8	1	3	3	8	11	14	17
19 Watford	13	2	3	2	9	7	1	2	3	7	10	14	17
20 C Palace	12	1	3	2	7	8	2	2	2	6	7	14	13
21 Luton	13	1	1	4	7	11	2	2	3	3	5	12	10
22 Sheff Utd	13	2	1	4	9	13	1	1	4	8	12	11	17
23 Port Vale	13	0	2	4	4	10	2	3	2	7	6	11	11
24 Portsmouth	13	1	2	3	6	8	1	2	4	9	13	10	15

SECOND DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt	Gls
		HOME					AWAY						
1 Swindon	13	5	2	0	14	4	5	0	1	14	6	32	28
2 Notts Co	13	4	1	1	9	5	3	3	1	8	4	25	17
3 Crewe	12	4	1	0	11	4	3	2	2	13	9	24	24
4 Blackpool	13	4	1	1	8	4	3	1	3	10	9	23	18
5 Burnley	13	5	2	0	13	4	1	2	3	5	8	22	18
6 Chesterfield	13	5	1	1	14	5	1	2	3	5	7	21	19
7 Wycombe	13	2	3	1	6	5	3	3	1	12	6	21	18
8 Bradford	13	4	0	2	11	9	2	2	3	8	12	20	19
9 Bristol Rvrs	13	2	1	4	7	13	4	1	1	9	6	20	16
10 Stockport	13	2	4	0	8	4	3	1	3	7	6	20	15
11 Rotherham	13	5	2	0	13	5	0	1	5	4	11	18	17
12 Oxford Utd	13	4	1	2	12	8	0	4	2	5	7	17	17
13 Wrexham	13	2	3	1	10	9	2	2	3	6	8	17	16
14 Bournemth	13	3	1	2	9	9	2	1	4	7	10	17	16
15 Swansea	13	3	3	1	11	7	0	3	3	4	12	15	15
16 Brentford	13	4	0	3	8	6	0	3	3	3	7	15	11
17 Peterboro	13	3	2	4	9	15	0	[illegible]	4	5	16	14	14
18 York	13	2	2	3	7	8	2	0	4	6	9	14	13
19 Bristol C	12	2	3	1	6	2	1	2	3	5	12	14	11
20 Walsall	13	2	3	2	11	10	1	1	4	3	5	13	14
21 Shrewsbury	13	2	0	4	7	9	1	2	4	8	15	11	15
22 Carlisle	13	2	3	2	8	6	0	2	4	5	14	11	13
23 Brighton	13	1	2	3	6	9	1	1	5	5	14	9	11
24 Hull	13	1	3	3	5	9	0	2	4	2	10	8	17

THIRD DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt	Gls
		HOME					AWAY						
1 Gillingham	13	6	0	1	14	2	2	3	1	7	3	27	21
2 Preston	13	3	3	1	18	10	3	3	0	11	4	24	29
3 Chester	13	4	2	1	14	8	3	1	2	8	6	24	22
4 Plymouth	13	4	1	2	14	8	3	1	2	11	7	23	25
5 Rochdale	13	2	3	1	14	9	4	1	2	11	4	22	25
6 Colchester	13	5	1	1	15	6	1	3	2	6	8	22	21
7 Cambridge	13	2	3	2	11	9	3	1	2	10	12	19	21
8 Wigan	13	4	0	3	9	11	1	4	1	9	6	19	18
9 L Orient	13	4	1	1	10	5	1	3	3	7	10	19	17
10 Northamptn	13	3	2	1	13	6	2	1	4	4	8	18	17
11 Darlington	13	1	2	3	5	7	3	4	0	9	5	18	14
12 Doncaster	13	3	2	1	3	3	2	1	4	8	14	18	11
13 Exeter	13	3	1	2	7	8	1	4	2	8	10	17	15
14 Scarboro	13	2	4	0	8	6	2	0	5	7	11	16	15
15 Cardiff	13	2	2	2	6	4	2	2	3	8	10	16	14
16 Fulham	13	3	3	0	14	6	0	3	4	5	12	15	19
17 Hereford	13	2	3	2	13	11	1	3	2	6	8	15	19
18 Hartlepool	13	3	3	0	9	5	1	0	6	3	16	15	12
19 Mansfield	13	1	5	0	6	4	1	3	3	13	20	14	19
20 Scunthorpe	13	3	2	2	7	5	0	3	3	6	10	14	13
21 Bury	13	1	3	3	4	11	2	2	2	9	13	14	13
22 Barnet	13	2	2	3	9	13	0	3	3	3	9	11	12
23 Torquay	13	2	2	2	7	8	0	2	5	7	15	10	14
24 Lincoln	13	0	2	5	6	15	1	1	4	4	15	6	10

BELL'S LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP

PREMIER DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt	Goal diff
		HOME					AWAY						
1 Rangers	9	4	0	1	11	3	4	0	0	9	0	24	+17
2 Celtic	9	1	2	1	5	6	4	1	0	9	2	18	+6
3 Aberdeen	9	2	0	2	8	4	3	1	1	9	7	16	+6
4 Hibernian	9	2	2	0	9	6	2	2	1	7	6	16	+4
5 Raith	9	3	0	2	8	3	1	0	3	4	11	12	-2
6 Motherwell	9	2	1	1	6	4	0	3	2	5	8	10	-1
7 Kilmarnock	9	1	1	2	4	6	1	1	3	3	7	8	-6
8 Hearts	9	2	1	2	10	10	0	1	3	4	11	8	-7
9 Partick	9	1	3	1	5	7	0	1	3	3	9	7	-8
10 Falkirk	9	0	1	4	2	8	1	1	2	4	7	5	-9

FIRST DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt	Goal diff
		HOME					AWAY						
1 Dunfermline	10	4	0	1	10	4	4	0	1	10	3	24	+13
2 Dundee Utd	10	3	1	1	7	5	3	0	2	6	7	19	+1
3 G Morton	10	3	1	1	11	4	2	1	2	9	6	17	+10
4 Dundee	10	1	3	1	8	7	3	2	0	11	4	17	+8
5 Airdrie	10	1	2	2	5	6	3	1	1	7	5	15	+1
6 Clydebank	10	2	2	1	6	5	1	3	1	7	6	14	+2
7 St Johnstone	10	2	1	2	7	7	1	1	3	5	8	11	-3
8 St Mirren	10	1	1	3	5	10	1	2	2	8	8	9	-7
9 Dumbarton	10	2	0	3	4	11	1	0	4	7	13	9	-13
10 Hamilton	10	0	1	4	3	11	0	2	3	2	6	3	-12

SECOND DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt	Goal diff
		HOME					AWAY						
1 East Fife	10	3	2	0	7	2	4	0	1	6	2	23	+9
2 Berwick	10	4	0	1	11	2	3	1	1	12	6	22	+5
3 Stenhsmuir	10	3	1	1	8	4	2	1	2	6	7	17	+4
4 Forfar	10	2	1	2	3	9	2	2	1	7	5	15	-4
5 Stirling	10	2	2	1	8	5	1	3	1	8	6	14	+6
6 Stranraer	10	2	3	0	7	2	1	2	2	4	8	14	+1
7 Clyde	10	1	1	3	6	7	1	4	0	5	2	11	+2
8 Ayr	10	0	2	3	4	10	2	1	2	3	4	9	-7
9 Queen of S	10	0	2	3	3	12	1	1	3	9	9	6	-9
10 Montrose	10	0	2	3	4	10	0	1	4	2	13	3	-17

THIRD DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt	Goal diff
		HOME					AWAY						
1 Livingston	10	3	1	0	8	1	5	1	0	11	3	26	+15
2 Ross County	10	3	2	0	14	6	2	1	2	6	6	18	+8
3 Caley This	10	3	1	2	14	10	2	1	1	13	4	17	+13
4 Brechin	10	2	1	2	6	5	3	1	1	7	4	17	+4
5 Alloa	10	3	0	2	7	11	2	2	1	8	5	14	-6
6 Arbroath	10	1	2	2	7	9	2	1	2	6	8	13	-0
7 Cowdenbth	10	2	1	2	6	5	1	3	1	9	13	11	-3
8 Queen's Pk	10	2	1	2	4	4	0	1	4	3	11	8	-8
9 East Stirling	10	1	1	3	7	12	1	1	3	7	11	8	-9
10 Albion	10	1	1	3	8	10	1	0	4	6	16	7	-12

POOLS CHECK

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
1	1	1	2	1	1	1	3	3	1	3	3	1	1	1	3	1	1	1	1	3	1	3	1	1	3	1	1	1

30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58
1	1	1	3	1	1	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	3	1	1	1

FORECAST: No claims required: dividend forecast is very low with 13 score draws and two no-score draws.

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Hershiser's decline costs Cleveland dear in first contest of baseball World Series

Braves profit from inspired opening pitch by Maddux

FROM KEITH BLACKMORE IN ATLANTA

THE first baseball World Series for two years began amid protests by the American Indian Movement (AIM) about the names of the competing teams, the Atlanta Braves and the Cleveland Indians, but it was another Western image, the gunslingers' shoot-out, which came to mind after the opening game here on Saturday night.

The first round of the best-of-seven series was a pitching duel, matching an old hand who had somehow recovered his speed on the draw and the younger sharpshooter at the height of his powers. When the shooting stopped, and the dust cleared, it was the younger man, Greg Maddux, of the Braves, the National League champions, who was still standing and Orel Hershiser, of the Indians, winners of the American League, who was lying face down in the dust.

Well, almost. For Maddux, 29, certain to be voted the National League's best pitcher for the fourth season in a row, it was more like business as usual as he steered Atlanta to a 3-2 victory in his first World Series game. For Hershiser, 37, it was a first taste of failure: his first defeat in a series game and the end of an incomparable run.

Maddux was a second-year apprentice with the Chicago Cubs when Hershiser first left his mark on series history in 1988 with one of the great performances. That year, pitching for the Los Angeles Dodgers, he was voted best pitcher in the National League. In the closing stages of that season, he pitched from August 30 until September 28 (59 consecutive innings) without giving up a run, a major league record.

He was the most valuable player in the series that followed, winning two games as the Dodgers beat Oakland and, after reconstructive surgery on his right shoulder and a move to Cleveland, his sequence of play-off victories was extended this year to seven. Hershiser, a born-again Christian who recites psalms and listens to religious music on a personal stereo to calm himself before pitching, had never been beaten in a play-off game.

For a while on Saturday it looked as if he might extend that run, despite a second-inning mistake, a high fast ball which allowed Fred McGriff to smash his first World Series pitch 400 feet into the centre-field seats for a solo home run. After that, he settled down until the seventh, when the strength seemed to leak from his arm like air escaping from a tyre. In quick succession, he allowed McGriff then David Justice to walk on base. He left the mount exhausted and his relievers were unable to prevent both runners from scoring.

That gave Maddux a 3-1 lead and it was all he needed. Neither the run he gave up in the first inning nor the one in the last were his fault, both resulting from fielding errors, and his economy and variation bamboozled the Cleveland hitters, the most feared batting line-up in either league.

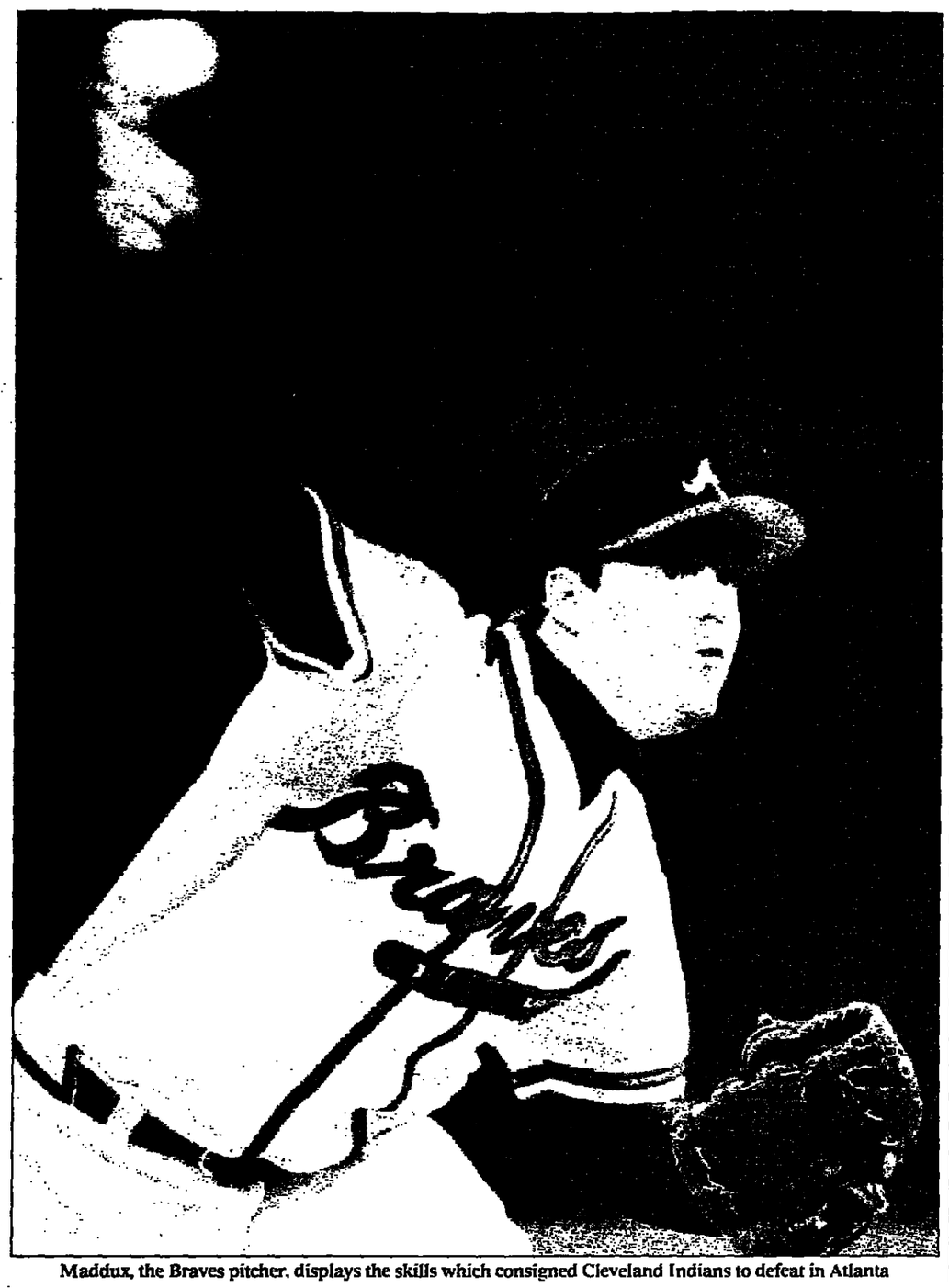
Maddux likes to become Clark Kent after performing like Superman, donning spectacles and doing everything possible to avoid attention. Some say he is the finest right-handed pitcher since the great Walter Johnson 75 years ago, yet he can walk through a crowded airport unrecognised by autograph-hunters.

After the most important victory of his career, he spent half an hour on an exercise cycle, warming down, before appearing at a packed press conference to try to deflect praise from himself. "The guys made the plays behind me beautifully," he said.

A more realistic appraisal came from Mike Hargrove, the Indians' manager. "He doesn't have overpowering stuff but he is everything you'd want in a pitcher. I've been around a long time and I've never seen a pitcher dominate a game like that. We've been shut down before but that was as masterful a job of pitching as I've seen."

The AIM protesters, meanwhile, had a mixed day. Few turned up to protest but those who did may have had some effect. Braves followers making the contentious tomahawk chop during the game did so only sporadically and with some uncertainty. The series, and the protests, were scheduled to resume here last night before moving on to Cleveland tomorrow.

Team									Innings	Runs	Hits	Errors
Cleveland	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	2	2	0
Atlanta	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	X	3	3	2



Maddux, the Braves pitcher, displays the skills which consigned Cleveland Indians to defeat in Atlanta

Jimenez's victory gives boost to Warren safety plans

BY SRIKUMAR SEN
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FRANK WARREN, the London promoter, has urged fellow promoters to find ways of making boxing safer. Warren said that, as they were mainly responsible for staging shows, promoters were obliged to take an active part in discussions about safety in the ring.

Speaking after the bout between Alfred Kotey and Daniel Jimenez at York Hall, Bethnal Green, on Saturday, the first significant event since the show in Glasgow a week ago, when James Murray was fatally injured, Warren said he would be announcing safety plans on Wednesday in conjunction with the British Boxing Board of Control.

"I haven't spoken with the other promoters but I know what I want to do about the welfare of boxers and what we can do to help them. The doctors have a voice, but so do promoters."

Warren said he was relieved that the bout between Kotey and Jimenez had "passed without problems". It served to show that it was possible to get a hard, competitive and high-quality content for twelve rounds without the boxers suffering serious injury.

Kotey lost his World Boxing Organization bantamweight title to the Puerto Rican on points. He would have retained his belt had he worked harder. It seems that, having floored Jimenez in the third round with a left hook to the body, he thought he only had to land another big punch to win. The Puerto Rican came back strongly, however, and set too fast a pace for the Ghanaian. Kotey's hoped-for meeting with Naseem Hamed will have to wait.

□ Marvin Corpuz, 19, of the Philippines, died of a brain haemorrhage early yesterday after losing a ten-round batamweight bout to Alan Llaneta, in General Santos.

Swindon build lead with strong showing

Swindon Town	2
Crewe Alexandra	1

BY NICK SZCZEPANIK

IT WOULD be satisfying to report that this top of the table game between two Endsleigh League second division sides committed to the finer football values was settled by breathtaking moves culminating in classically struck goals. Unfortunately football isn't like that. A straightforward far post header and a penalty brought Swindon Town a 2-1 win that puts them seven points ahead of their nearest rivals.

That is not to say that Swindon didn't pass the ball around; just that they were not above a more direct approach when the occasion demanded it. Crewe Alexandra, however, kept the ball on the ground; even Gayle, the goalkeeper, seemed intent on playing his way out of trouble. "We have to play that way," Dario Gradi, the League's longest-serving manager, said. "We find that other teams have more power. We play football because we can't whack the ball forwards."

The first 30 minutes were absorbing rather than exciting: a game crying out, a cynic might say, for a yellow card. It was Steve McMahon who decided that things were a bit too placid and so decked Garvey to earn one. That was the signal for the game to warm up, especially so far as the 12,633 crowd was concerned, although most of their emotion was directed at the referee, who disallowed two Swindon goals and turned down several penalty appeals.

It was all forgotten when Allison headed past Gayle from Robinson's cross after 58 minutes. But, as the home side looked to extend their lead and Crewe seemed about to wilt, Garvey exchanged passes with Lennon, side-stepped Culverhouse and buried a left-foot shot in the top corner.

The game seemed destined for a draw until Macauley brought Finney down from behind in the 87th minute and the referee pointed to the penalty spot, from which Finney himself scored.

"I was pleased," Gradi said. "It was a good standard of game, but we made mistakes: the youngsters got caught. They'll be better next year."

Andy Rowland, the Swindon assistant manager, agreed. "Crewe are a young, maturing team and will be a good side. They played attractive football — but we got the result."

SWINDON TOWN (3-5-2): F Digby — M Robinson, I Culverhouse, S Taylor — P Allen, W O'Sullivan, S McMahon, K Horlock, P Bodin — S Finney, W Allison.
CREWE ALEXANDRA (4-3-2-1): M Gayle — W Collins, A Westwood, S Macaulay, M Booty — D Murphy, N Lennon, G Whalley — S Garvey, R Edwards — R Savage.
Referee: G Barber.

Where Cold War lingers on

KEVIN McCARRA



Scottish commentary

The gestures of international co-operation that saw a Ukrainian, Oleg Salenko, accept passes from Scotsmen to score twice for Rangers in their 4-1 victory over Heart of Midlothian on Saturday came as something of a surprise since, in football, the Cold War has not quite ended.

Players may move freely to the West from the former Soviet Union nowadays but, once here, they still tend to have the uneasy look of defectors, never fully at home in the country they have abruptly embraced.

In Spain and Portugal, internationals from the old Soviet republics have settled sufficiently to make a handsome living without quite becoming dominant forces. Even in the Iberian Peninsula there are drop-outs. Sergei Yuran, as Blackburn Rovers ruefully discovered in the Champions League, is now with Spartak Moscow, having been of only sporadic service to Benfica.

Across western Europe, clubs have signed these abundantly talented performers and then discovered that, at great expense, only frustration has been bought. It might be argued that Andrei Kanchelskis, a Ukrainian now with Everton, has been the only one of the former Soviet internationals to come to the West whose form has transferred with him in full.

Even so, the winger has not overcome everyone's doubts and his manager at Manchester United, Alex Ferguson, records an intriguing conversation in his book, *A Year In The Life*. When it was reported that Kanchelskis wanted to sign for Rangers, Walter Smith, the Ibrox manager, instantly told Ferguson the transfer would not happen.

"We're not interested," he said. "What does he think? I've enough Russians." Smith was referring to his two Ukrainians, Oleg Kuznetsov and Alexei Mikhailichenko. Kuznetsov suffered a knee injury in only his second match for Rangers and never fully recovered. Mikhailichenko does still remain at the club, and even played on Saturday, but he meets with some suspicion, as well as warm regard, from supporters.

Although the midfield player's skills are endearing, his disinclination to chase and harry the opposition creates problems. He looks lazy. However, if his character really were so flawed, he could hardly have captained the Soviet Union and been their most influential player at the end of the 1980s.

The real difficulty lies in Mikhailichenko's conception of the game. In his formative years with Dynamo Kiev he evidently decided that it is better for the ball, rather than the player's body, to suffer the wear and tear.

No matter what he may have said to Ferguson, the Rangers manager, more than any of his counterparts in Britain, has continually been tempted to try to assimilate such gifted players. His purchase of Salenko in the summer, from Spanish club Valencia for £2.5 million, was a high-risk strategy.

The forward set a record by scoring five goals in a World Cup match, against Cameroon at USA 94, but that blaze of glory cannot dispel the darkness of other stretches in his career. He was dropped by Valencia for a spell last season and has not played for Russia since that historic afternoon at Palo Alto.

The two goals against Hearts were encouraging for a man who had previously scored just once for Rangers and his team-mates have begun to appreciate that Salenko, unlike his predecessor Mark Hateley, is no marauding chaser of lost causes. This forward truly responds only to scrupulous service.

An inept Hearts brought rehabilitation for Rangers after the dispiriting 4-1 defeat by Juventus, and should Salenko now prosper he will remember the Edinburgh club's feeble defending with special gratitude.

Bracknell bundled out after marathon

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BY KEITH PIKE

THE serious stuff starts soon enough: for now, the FA Cup remains the minnows' ocean of impossible dreams and unlikely tales of derring-do. Only, for Bracknell Town, make that derring-don't.

On Saturday, they stood on the verge of history, and a club formed in 1896 has gathered a lot of dust. In 99 years, no Bracknell team had reached the first round proper of the competition. Now, a century is there for the taking and the fact that nobody was disputing the rights or wrongs of their defeat at Eton Park did not make the loss any easier to bear. "It was a devastating feeling," Nick Collier, the Bracknell manager, said. But what fun they have had.

This was Bracknell's ninth match in the Cup, the number of games it can take a team to win it and reach the last 16 the following year. They had to play Kingsbury Town four times just to reach the first qualifying round, and expended 12 hours' energy, mostly in the baking heat of August and early September, to reach the point where they could enter the competition proper. Is there another tournament like it?

Collier does not think so. "It has been brilliant," he said. "The lads have done the club proud." After the Kingsbury quartet and a replay victory over Thamesmead Town, there were one-off triumphs against Harrow Borough and Wembley that were giantkilling acts in anybody's book. By now, the ritual included spying trips and pre-match meals. It could have been Blackburn instead of Bracknell. "And at least we went out to a good team at a good ground," Collier said.

In the very best traditions, Bracknell can now concentrate on the League (Icis, second division, four matches played and a fixture backlog as long as a GP's waiting list).

Burton Albion can still dream. They were worthy winners on Saturday. Keast's delightful early chip set them on their way and, although Wilson extended his 39-year-old legs to equalise superbly just before half-time, goals by Davies and Hadley confirmed the superiority of the Beazer Homes League premier division side. For them, the fun may be only just beginning.

BURTON ALBION (4-4-2): D Acton — A Davies, M Wood (sub: R Smith, 77mn), M Smith, J Williams — M Freeman (sub: M Devaney, 67), D Slade, D Keast, P Gretton — D Hadley, C Rookyard
BRACKNELL TOWN (4-4-2): A Henly — A Williams, J Skerrit (sub: A Bodell, 85), P Skerrit, Jason Day — B Broome (sub: Justin Day, 71), P Maynard (sub: S Muir, 71), A Mackenzie, M Franks — K Wilson, P Mulvaney
Referee: B Coddington

Law leaves top racers trailing in his wake

BY BARRY PICKTHALL

CHRIS LAW, one of Britain's most under-rated yachtsmen, reached the finals of the Brut Gold Cup match race championship in Bermuda yesterday and beat two former world champions en route to a meeting with Peter Gilmour, of Australia, another former world champion, to contest the first prize of $30,000 (£20,000).

Law, who lives in Bermuda, was not high enough in the rankings to be invited to the world's oldest match racing event and had to qualify in a preliminary series. Even then his winning form was not in evidence as he scraped through despite sharing a 4-3 win-loss record with Stuart Childerley, a fellow Briton, at the foot of their group.

Yet despite one of the toughest draws in the competition — and a serious injury to crewman Neal McDonald, who had to be rushed to hospital with head and back injuries after falling during their final qualifying match against Childerley and his crew, Law and his team dispatched former world champion Bertrand Pace, of France, 3-0 in the opening round. He then defeated the favourite, Roy Heiner, of Holland, 3-1 in the quarter-finals.

The Briton's biggest test, however, came in the semi-finals when he and his crew faced America's Cup-winner Russell Coutts, of New Zealand, who is ranked No 1 in the world. Coutts won the first race but was penalised in the next two heats. Law won a place in the finals when Coutts hit the finishing buoy after crossing the line first.

Gilmour defeated Andy Beadsworth, the British match race champion, in the first round and knocked out Ed Baird, the third seed from the United States, in the semi-finals.

Slam-dunk drama proves sadly lacking in subtlety

Alison Kervin confronts the razzmatazz of the basketball circus at London Arena

The McDonald's basketball championship burst onto the London scene last week with all the glitter and glamour of a Hollywood movie. The three-day tournament between the world's leading club sides had been dubbed the unofficial world championships but, tucked away in the London Arena, and without a huge promotional thrust, it went unnoticed by most of the country.

The failure of England's representatives, Sheffield Sharks, to qualify for the semi-finals on Friday evening took some of the gloss from the occasion but with Houston Rockets, National Basketball Association champions from the United States and generally cool dudes, taking centre stage, a capacity crowd was still expected.

The journey to London Arena, on the Docklands Light Railway was quick — 20 minutes from the centre of town to Cross Harbour station. Collecting a pre-booked ticket involved queuing for 15 minutes outside a Portakabin in the rain, only to find that a £1.50 booking fee, per ticket, had been charged even though I rang the London Arena direct to reserve a seat.

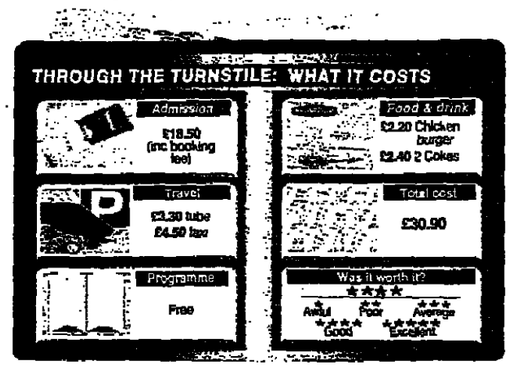
Once inside and dried off, I went in search of something to eat from the Mexican and American-style fast-food stalls. Finding a place to lean and eat my chicken burger and drink my Coca-Cola was impossible, so I ended up standing around a bin with a collection of hungry basketball supporters.

As people leaned over to flick cigarette ash into the bin, my chicken seemed increasingly less appealing, and it soon followed the cigarette butts and empty cans and I relied on the diet cola for enough sustenance to get me through the evening.

What was instantly striking about the Arena was its cleanliness. Armies of cleaners swarmed constantly. At one point, while precariously balancing my programme, burger and drink on the edge of the bin, I dropped my ticket. Before it could flutter its way to the floor the litter regiment had spiked it away and were gone from sight.

Staff at the Arena were, however, efficient and friendly, and a glimpse at my credit card booking receipt gained me immediate access to my seat, which had an excellent view of the court.

There is no doubt that the event was good value at £10 or £17 a seat. The first match, between Maccabi Tel Aviv and Real Madrid, tipped off at 7pm and the key contest between Houston Rockets and Perth Wildcats started at 9pm.



It was non-stop the whole evening — dancers and slam-dunking acrobats filled the breaks while a giant bear roller-skated, danced, trampolined and, at one point swung down in a harness from the ceiling.

The accents, clothes and razzmatazz bore evidence of the American nature of this sport. It was as if the circus had come to town — and, when the cheerleaders ran on for the umpteenth time, I started to wonder how this would translate in traditionally English sports. The image of Pan's People running onto Lord's dressed in sequin-covered hotpants after every innings, and leap-frogging the wickets to the sounds of rock music did not rest easy.

The outing was an experience but, as a sporting occasion, it lacked real depth. Spectators could not watch the pattern of play unfold slowly before them, see the exertion of relentless pressure, or study tactics being followed through. It was wham, bam — and 50 points on the board.

Comparing basketball with British team sports is almost like comparing an Oscar Wilde play, with all its subtleties, permutations and insinuations, with a Sylvester Stallone film — high drama and quick action. One of the idiosyncrasies of the sport is its stop-clock system, which means one minute can literally drag out to five or ten minutes, particularly if time-outs are called. As well as being conceptually difficult to deal with, it also means the whole event does run on a bit — in this case close to midnight.

By 11.45pm, half the audience had had to leave in order to catch the last trains, which seemed ridiculous. I left on the hooter and just caught the final tube of the evening — others were not so lucky. They were left stuck on the platform in their enormous basketball boots and new Rockets caps — bet you wouldn't get that in Houston.

Bath retain whip hand despite champions' triumph over troubled league rivals

Dallaglio stirs Wasps' hopes in defeat

Wasps 11
Leicester 21

By David Hands
Rugby Correspondent

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Hackney, left, the Leicester wing, and Poole-Jones race stride for stride in a sprint towards the Wasps line at Sudbury

THE dilemma at Sudbury on Saturday was whether to watch the team struggling for composure on the field or the team assembled on the clubhouse balcony: Rob Andrew, Dean Ryan, Graham Childs — all Wasps now committed to Newcastle — Tony Underwood, of Leicester, who is a target for the Newcastle trawl, Norm Hadley, of Canada, and possibly the best footballer of them all, Huw Davies.

Yet the very fact that Andrew and Ryan were there at all speaks volumes. The National Lottery has made this a difficult year for charitable institutions, but Repton Avenue is positively awash with charity. It scarcely mattered to whom one spoke — player, administrator or public — no animosity came through, which suggests that those nearest to them know exactly how much effort the departing duo have put into Wasps.

The immediate future facing the London club is also a lottery. Two months ago they believed they had real prospects in the Courage Clubs Championship. That ambition has now been tailored to a top-four placing, to ensure European rugby next season. In reality, the loss of Ryan and, shortly, Nick Popplewell, leaves their tight-five forwards looking distinctly threadbare until the injured Hadley can bring in some ballast.

Popplewell, the Ireland prop, may be available for two more games, but, with Darren Molloy needing an operation on a damaged groin, and the next generation of props still ensconced in the under-21 side, the call may yet go out to Jeffrey Probyn, the chairman of the club's rugby committee, to dust off his boots.

Moreover, the need for good decision-makers, obvious against the champions, may halt the progress at scrum half of Andy Gomarsall. Above all, Wasps must put experience ahead of player development for the time being, and therefore, to complement Braithwaite's skills, they must squeeze all they can from Steve Bates before he retires at the season's end and then goes, in his own time, to coach at Newcastle.

Perhaps the most positive element in this last traumatic week has been the emergence as captain of Lawrence Dallaglio, who set a magnificent example to his shaken troops. The student, 23, acknowledges the problems that lie ahead, but adopts the perspective of the Nineties towards Andrew and Ryan. "There is no animosity," he said. "They have done what any other player would have done, accepted attractive offers. It's good for them and it's good for rugby that they will maintain a place in the game. We are the first club to be affected by money but I don't think we will be the last, and unless clubs get their act together, they will find their players being taken elsewhere."

On a day when Jack Rowell, the England manager, had arrived to cast an eye over Neil Back, it was opportune for Dallaglio to issue a reminder of his talents. But, whether at No 8 or blind-side flanker, Dallaglio will need a platform from which to operate, and Wasps cannot give him that — not against the likes of Leicester, anyway.

Injury and suspension deprived Leicester of Wells and Richards, but their lineout was dependable and their scrum so solid that Garforth and Cockerill had time to make punishing runs. However, a shoulder dislocation that will keep him out for three weeks forced Harris off midway through the first half, the complex rearrangement taking Liley to stand-off half and Rory Underwood to full back.

Both enjoyed their new roles, Liley shrugging off two early penalty failures and scoring 16 points. His try, courtesy of Cockerill's appearance on the wing, completed a sustained attack during a first half that promised more than it achieved thanks to the inability of either side to offer penetration as opposed to lateral movement.

Liley directed operations in a manner resembling Andrew, and although the second half was less breezily optimistic than the first, Leicester drew steadily clear. Tarbuck squeezed over from a five-metre scrum, and though the deserving Ufton scored only the third try that Leicester have conceded in the league this season, he could not affect the result.

SCORERS: Wasps: Try: Ufton. Penalty goals: Ufton (2). Leicester: Tries: Liley, Tarbuck. Conversions: Liley. Penalty goals: Liley (2). Dropped goal: Liley.

WASPS: J Ufton, P Hopley, D Hopley, A James, S Rosier; C Braithwaite, A Gomarsall; N Popplewell, K Dunn, I Dunston, M White, M Greenwood, R Kinsey, R Poole-Jones, L Dallaglio.

LEICESTER: J Liley; S Hackney, S Potter, R Robinson, R Underwood; J Harris, A Kardooni, G Rowntree, R Cockerill, D Garforth, Q Wingham, M Johnson, M Poole, N Back, C Tarbuck. Harris replaced by J Hamilton (26min).

Referee: A Spreadbury (Somerset).



Andrew, right, and Ryan, left, are among those to hold a watching brief from the clubhouse balcony

Guscott's skills again take centre stage

Harlequins 13
Bath 19

By Bryan Stiles

BATH have done the hard bit — they have beaten their three main rivals for the Courage Clubs Championship away from home — and it should now be plain sailing to recapture the title that they monopolised until last season.

With Harlequins disposed of at the Stoop Memorial Ground on Saturday, and with wins over Leicester and Wasps already in the bank, unbeaten Bath have broken the back of the opposition. Even the pragmatic Dick Best, the Harlequins director of coaching, was moved to say: "They are dead certs for the league, they have this formidable will to win. They keep coming back at you time and time again."

Bath certainly played some breathtaking rugby, particularly in the first half, with Jeremy Guscott using the Stoop as his stage to further his cause for a place in the centre for England against South Africa at Twickenham on November 18. In the opening matches of the season, Guscott has shrugged off the doubts that surrounded his game, and is now displaying sublime handling skills. His exciting, balanced running frequently opened up the Harlequins defence, and he laid on Bath's only try, sending in Lumsden in the 26th minute.

Two other high-profile players vying for places against South Africa came a cropper. Catt and Pears, candidates for the stand-off half position now that Rob Andrew seems to be out of the reckoning, sent each other flying with a clash of legs as Pears was trying to put the ball out of defence.

Both were taken off with deeply bruised shins, but early diagnosis suggested that they will regain full fitness by next weekend. "I am sure Jack [Rowell, the England manager] gave a little twitch over that collision," John Hall, the Bath team manager, said. He would like to see Catt at stand-off and Callard at full back for England. Best would prefer his man, Pears, at No 10, and Catt at full back, of course.

Catt, benefiting from a larger share of the ball, had a better all-round game than Pears, who lost points for style and for his wayward tactical kicking at times.

Harlequins were still "dragging ourselves from the gutter" where they landed when desperately fighting off relegation last season, according to Best, but gave Bath a fright with the way that they committed themselves to the cause, even though Bath were "20 points the better side" in Hall's estimation. But Hall, like all club officials, also had the game's move into professionalism much on his mind.

Although many top-class players gravitate towards Bath because of their record of success, Hall is pressuring his club to issue his charges with contracts to bind them to the Recreation Ground. He fears that the predators from richer clubs could syphon off some of his key men.

Best says that there are no such problems at Harlequins. Two of his players have turned down offers. Like other Harlequins, they have been found well-paid careers in the City and there is no need for them to chase the money.

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Bath maintain their position at the head of the league table with this win. Their margin of victory would have been much greater if it had not been for an uncharacteristic hatful of dropped passes, knock-ons and poor distribution with the Harlequins try-line within reach.

Lumsden's try was matched by a beauty from O'Leary, both of them coming from first-phase possession in the first half. The rest of the points came from four penalty goals by Callard and a penalty and dropped goal from Pears.

SCORERS: Harlequins: Try: O'Leary. Conversion: Pears. Dropped goal: Pears. Penalty goal: Pears. Bath: Try: Lumsden. Conversion: Callard. Penalty goals: Callard (4).

HARLEQUINS: J Staples; D O'Leary, W Carling, P Marshall, S Bromley; D Pears, R Kitchin; S Brown, S Mitchell, A Mullins, M Russell, A Snow, P Threlfall, G Allison, M Watson. Staples replaced by G Wright (40 min), Threlfall replaced by I Pickup (61). Pears replaced by B Moore (72).

BATH: J Callard; A Lumsden, P de Glanville, J Guscott, A Adebayo; M Catt, I Sanders; D Hilton, G Dawe, V Ubogu, A Robinson, M Haag, N Redman, E Peters, B Clarke. Catt replaced by G French (72).

Referee: C White (Gloucester).

Fiji combine flair with frustration

Wales A 10
Fiji 25

By Gerald Davies

AFTER successes against England A, Tonga and a New Zealand divisional team, Fiji's attempt to re-establish themselves in world rugby was boosted further by their defeat of Wales A at Bridgend on Saturday.

The sheen had gone from the Fijian game of late. If the rugby fraternity has kept them close to its heart in the past decade, it has been because of their exuberant expertise at the seven-a-side game. From the high days in the Sixties and Seventies they have lapsed disappointingly.

At their best, though — and there were signs of that here — Fiji play with a breezy spontaneity and virtuosity. It is their strength as well as their weakness. Too often, their play becomes careless. They can quickly lose heart. Fifteen-a-side rugby needs a sterner discipline, yet too much organisation brings frustration for the Fijians, inhibiting their natural flair.

Nobody is more aware of this than Brad Johnstone, the former All Black prop who is now the Fiji technical advisor. After his team's success, in the first of a series of nine matches in Wales and Ireland, he said: "More than anything Fiji need a structure. It is all very well to run around in circles but not if they lose the ball at the end. Fiji need a shape to their game." With nine players from New Zealand's provincial teams, this was likely to be achieved.

Certainly, their game had a better pattern than that of a thoroughly unimpressive Wales A side, whose tactical plan was a monotone of predictability. Playing too often behind their own gain line, they got bogged down in midfield, where there was a sound Fijian defence.

Unforced errors and a failure to retain possession added to their woes. They also gave away too many penalties. Fiji won through Welsh weaknesses rather than any particular strength of their own.

Having only lost three times in 15 outings as coach of the A team, Kevin Bowring will have been disappointed as much by the loss as by the manner of it. Steve Williams, whose first representative game this was after damaging cruciate ligaments in Neath's match against South Africa a year ago, was the pick of the forwards; Justin Thomas and Wayne Proctor the choice in the backs.

Tawake dominated the lineouts, Masirewa was ubiquitous in the loose and, with McClennan, took the right choices whenever the ball arrived. Elsewhere their quick-passing technique was effective.

Fiji led 8-3 at half-time with a penalty by Bogisi and a fine inter-passing movement for 40 metres that had led to Bale's first try, in the 39th minute. These were in answer to Adrian Davies's early penalty. A high tackle on Proctor near the Fiji line after a fine break by Justin Thomas led to a penalty try, which Davies converted.

Masirewa's try, converted by Bogisi, returned the lead to Fiji, which is the way matters stood until tries by Bari and Bale made their victory certain.

SCORERS: Wales: Tries: Penalty try. Conversion: Davies. Penalty goal: Davies. Fiji: Tries: Bale (2), Bari, Masirewa. Conversion: Bogisi. Penalty goal: Bogisi.

WALES A: J Thomas (Llanelli), A Harris (Swansea), M Taylor (Swansea), G Thomas (Bridgend), W Proctor (Llanelli), A Davies (Cardiff), P John (Pontypridd), A Lewis (Cardiff), R McBryde (Llanelli), S John (Llanelli), A Gibbs (Newbridge), G Prosser (Pontypridd), A Moore (Swansea), O Lloyd (Llanelli), S Williams (Neath). Lewis replaced by L Mustoe (Cardiff, 77min); Prosser replaced by M Voyle (Newport, 50).

FIJI: P Rayasi (King Country), M Bari (Tauva), S Sorovaki (Wellington), L Little (King Country), P Bale (Canterbury); R Bogisi (Nadi), J McClennan (Auckland), J Vadayaki (King Country), E Batimala (Nadroga), E Naituvau (Suva), T Tamanivalu (Brothers), E Katalau (Poverty Bay), I Tawake (Nadroga), W Masirewa (Counties), D Rouse (Nadi).

Referee: P Thomas (France).

Bristol bask in Thomas's emerging talent

Bristol 22
Gloucester 16

By Nicolas Andrews

AT 2.38pm on Saturday afternoon, the Bristol supporters and a Wales selector were given a glimpse of the future, and indeed they liked what they saw. Never mind that the try which Arwel Thomas conjured for Paul Hull owed much to some obstruction from the home side's centres. The speedy execution of the double dummy scissors move no doubt bewildered Keyter and Denney as much as it did the Gloucester defence.

Thomas, 20, was brought to England from Neath specifically to inspire the Bristol threequarter line. He had served his 120-day suspension in the reserves, for whom he scored all 27 points the previous week, and Phil Bennett, the former Wales stand-off half, was among those who crossed the Severn Bridge to see what he could do on his championship debut. "He's got the talent to challenge for the red No 10 shirt," Bennett said. "He's as good as anything back in Wales."

Bristol are a young side and with Thomas on board they are getting even younger. Mark Tainton may have kicked 67 points in six games thus far, but something more was needed and, in Thomas, Bristol seem to have found it.

"He will be playing for Wales within the next two years," Brian Hanlon, the Bristol coaching co-ordinator, said. "We want to keep him here for a long time to come."

Bristol are anxious to protect Thomas from the great expectations heaped upon him. While the Welsh student dropped a goal, Hull assumed the kicking duties on Saturday. Perhaps this owed something to the changing England situation: if Catt replaces Andrew at stand-off half, his replacement at full back will surely kick the goals.

Bristol are now within two points of the top three, which is where they believe they should be by next April. Gloucester, however, are in serious trouble. They started brightly on Saturday, and Kimber's try after 19 minutes was no less than they deserved. The No 10 made amends for a woeful up and under by sprinting clear from halfway when the ball was subsequently turned over. Smith converted and also kicked three penalties.

Richard Hill's playing career for Bath and England was characterised by a never-say-die temperament. As the new director of coaching at Kingsholm, he is bringing the same quality to bear. Despite the loss of three of the club's most exciting threequarters for the rest of the season, he is not too downhearted.

"What's going on behind the scenes is very, very positive," he said after this sixth defeat in seven games. "We're making improvements and the players know that. We'll come through, a win will come."

SCORERS: Bristol: Try: Hull. Conversion: Hull. Penalty goals: Hull (4). Dropped goal: Thomas. Gloucester: Try: Kimber. Conversion: Smith. Penalty goals: Smith (2).

BRISTOL: P Hull; K Maggs, J Keyter, M Denney, D Bennett; A Thomas, K Bracken; A Sharp, M Regan, K Fullman, S Armstrong, M Fountaine, G Archer, E Rollit, M Corry. Rollit replaced by C Barrow (31min); A Lathrope temporary replacement for Fullman.

GLOUCESTER: T Smith; L Osborne, D Cassidy, P Holford, M Nicholson; M Kimber, B Fenley, T Windo, J Hawker, A Martin, P Glanville, D Sims, R West, I Smith, R Fidler. Glanville replaced by C Raymond (40).

Referee: C Rees (London).

Irish RFU ready to introduce contracts

IRELAND introduced 11 uncapped players yesterday to the squad from which the XV to play Fiji on November 18 will be chosen (David Hands writes). Significantly, however, most of the 37-strong party can also expect to be contracted by the Irish Rugby Football Union (IRFU) before the five nations' championship gets under way.

After Friday's talks with the players' representatives, the union hopes to have draft contracts in place by the time of the Fijian game and the 35 players subsequently chosen for the five nations' season will be invited to sign.

They could well include Peter Clohessy, the experienced Young Munster prop, who has appeared in only one league match this season because of the knee ligament problems.

The backs include Sean McCahill, who has been based in Ireland for five years but whose older brother is Bernie McCahill, the Auckland and New Zealand centre.

France, with an emphatic 47-12 win over Argentina, won the inaugural Latin Cup in Buenos Aires on Saturday. By scoring two of his side's seven tries, Philippe Saint-André extended his total to 25 and now stands sixth in the world rankings, though two Frenchmen, Serge Blanco (38) and Philippe Sella (30), remain ahead of him.

IRELAND SQUAD: Backs: B Begley (Old Crescent), C O'Shea (London Irish), J Staples (Harlequins), J Bell (Northampton), S Geoghegan (Bath), Darragh O'Mahony (Lansdowne), R Wallace (Garryowen), N Woods (Blackrock College), P Danaher (Garryowen), M Field (Malone), S McCahill (Sunday's Well), B Walsh (Cork Constitution). F Burke (Cork Constitution), E Elwood (Lansdowne), N Malone (Leicester), N Oosk (NIFC), M Hogan (Terenure College), David O'Mahony (Cork Constitution), C Sevestre (Stade Français). Forwards: G Halpin (London Irish), H Hurley (Old Wesley), N Popplewell (Wasps), P Wallace (Blackrock College), S Byrne (Blackrock), A Clarke (Northampton), T Kingston (Dolphin), V Costello (St Mary's College), J Davidson (Dungannon), N Francis (Old Belvedere), G Fulcher (Cork Constitution), M O'Kelly (St Mary's College), D Corkery (Terenure College), P Cronin (Wanderers), A Foley (Shannon), E Halvey (Shannon), P Johns (Dungannon), D McBride (Malone).

Sale's defensive special accounts for Saracens

Saracens 9
Sale 24

By Barry Trowbridge

SALE showed on Saturday that there is far more to their game than cavalier attack based on the impromptu promptings of Paul Turner and, with as accomplished a display of 15-man defence as one could wish to see, won a good victory over their frustrated and, ultimately, dispirited hosts.

For no apparent reason, the game turned from an error-strewn exhibition before half-time into a fluid, skilful, red-blooded encounter after it, but as a contest was clinically killed off by Sale in the first 15 minutes of the second half, when tries by Jos Baxendell, after the ball had been recycled five times, and Neil Ashurst, who barged over from a tapped penalty five metres out, gave them the two-score buffer that always looked beyond Saracens' capability to close.

Be it round the fringes of set-pieces or in the more open bounds of Bramley Road, Sale's smothering play had the better of the home side's endeavours, with Ashurst, particularly, outstanding and seemingly relishing the exposure that he received the previous weekend after his flamboyant try finished off Harlequins.

Tunningley, at full back, Green and Diprose, in the back row, and Lee, at stand-off, gave home supporters something to cheer, but, except when they occasionally found Diprose drifting off the back unmarked, Saracens were outclassed in the lineout by Fowler and Baldwin, and it was perhaps as well for them that Yates, all 17st 4lb of him, on the left wing for Sale, was not employed more fully.

When he did get up a good head of steam he was not easy to stop, but it was not until well into added time that he significantly affected the scoreline, a charge infield setting up Saverimutto for the simplest of tries after Hewitt, at No 8, had picked up from a scrum on halfway and bludgeoned his way beyond the 22.

Only when news reached Southgate that Gloucester and West Hartlepool had also lost did the gloom around the ground begin to lift; even then, though, there was a subdued atmosphere in the clubhouse as members contemplated the potential horrors of a trip to Bath next weekend. It promises to be a long winter in north London.

SCORERS: Saracens: Penalty goals: Lee (2). Dropped goal: Tunningley. Sale: Tries: Baxendell, Ashurst. Saverimutto. Conversions: Lilay (3). Penalty goal: Lilay.

SARACENS: A Tunningley; M Gregory, J Buckton, S Ravenscroft, P Hartley; A Lee, B Davies; R Andrews, G Botterman, G Holmes, J Green, M Langley, M Barrow. R Hill. A Diprose. Barrow replaced by D Phillips (68min), T Ellis temporary replacement for Gregory.

SALE: J Mallinder, R Lilay, J Baxendell, G Higginbotham, C Yates, P Turner, C Saverimutto; A Yates, S Diamond, A Smith, D Erskine, J Fowler, D Baldwin, N Ashurst, P Hewitt. Higginbotham replaced by M Warr (68min).

Referee: J Pearson (Durham).

Struggling rivals fail the entertainment test

Orrell 20
West Hartlepool 10

By Alison Kervin

WEST Hartlepool were left clinging helplessly to the bottom of the first division after their seventh defeat of the season in the Courage Clubs Championship on Saturday.

Despite having Rob Wainwright, the Scotland back-row forward, and Tim Stimpson, a talented goalkicker, to help them, and for all their attempts to play a running game, they have yet to win a match. Defeat by Orrell, who were missing five leading players, came particularly hard.

The continuing developments at Newcastle and rumours that Michael Knighton, who once tried to buy Manchester United, is planning to set up a similar centre of sporting excellence in Carlisle, suggest frustration with the lack of success in the North. Spectators on Saturday were also feeling let down. "There's just no point in watching West because they never win, and Orrell are just so boring," John Bracken, a Hartlepool supporter for 20 years, said.

Stimpson chose the wrong day to be off form with the boot. He missed three penalties, one of them directly in front of the posts. The man of the match, who produced the moment of the match, was Austin Healey, the Orrell wing turned scrum half. His delightful solo try six minutes from time was the only glimpse of quality throughout the game. Steve Bibby scored the other Orrell try, in the 34th minute, and Simon Mason, the full back, kicked ten points. In reply, Dave Mitchell scored for West from a tapped penalty. Stimpson converted and was finally on target with a penalty kick.

The game was a turgid affair and, while Orrell will obviously be pleased with the win, they will surely not be pleased with the frustration they are causing. Supporters at rugby matches are becoming an ever more vital commodity as the task of trying to bolster attendances in order to compete financially grows more important by the day.

It is certainly true that rugby union needs to become more of a spectator sport to survive, offering entertaining rugby, or at least the occasional victory, and if these sides are to compete against the new northern "superclubs", they will have to bear that in mind.

SCORERS: Orrell: Tries: Bibby, Healey. Conversions: Mason (2). Penalty goals: Mason (2). West Hartlepool: Try: Mitchell. Conversions: Stimpson. Penalty goal: Stimpson.

ORRELL: S Mason; L Tuigamala, I Wynn, P Johnson, G Smith; P Hamer, A Healey; P Winstanley, A Moffatt, P Mitchell, J Hurley, S Bibby, C Cooper, S Heyter, P Manley. Manley replaced by S Griffiths (Bolton).

WEST HARTLEPOOL: T Stimpson; C Evans, J Williams, C Lee, A Blythe; A Burdis, S Cooke; P Lancaster, T Herbert, M Straley, R Lynch, C Morley, D Mitchell, R Wainwright, A Brown. Williams replaced by T Knowles (59).

Referee: S Piercy (Sedgley).

Halling pleases in preparation for Breeders' Cup

By Julian Muscat

HALLING, the mainstay of Britain's quest for victory at the $10 million Breeders' Cup meeting in New York on Saturday, could not have better fortified his Godolphin guardians when he completed his fast work at Newmarket yesterday.

Galloping in the hands of his big-race rider, Walter Swinburn, the four-year-old colt delighted Simon Crisford, Godolphin's manager, after covering seven furlongs at a brisk pace. "That's his basic preparation finished," Crisford said, "and he simply couldn't be in better shape."

The Eclipse and International Stakes winner is among 15 British, French, Irish and German challengers today embarking on the journey to New York. Hernando, who completes the raiding party, is already ensconced at Belmont Park racecourse, home to the twelfth renewal of this prestigious fixture. The European contingent will clear quarantine on Wednesday morning, when its members are free to canter on the main track.

Halling, unbeaten in his last eight outings, is Europe's sole representative in the $3 million Breeders' Cup Classic, in which he locks horns with Cigar, the New York-trained winner of his last 11 races. He is patently the underdog, although Crisford does not see it that way.

"Not only is the horse in tremendous condition, he will be one of the freshest on the day," he said. "We are confident that he will handle the dirt surface, but we obviously won't know for sure until he tries. He will be racing at his best distance [ten furlongs] and we are very hopeful."

Hever Golf Rose, who contests the Sprint, completed her serious work when galloping round a bend at Lingfield's all-weather track on Saturday. Like Halling, Hever Golf Rose pleased her trainer, Joe Naughton, who has already saddled the filly to win in five countries this year. She is joined in the Sprint by Lake Coniston and Owington, who wears blinkers for the first time.

Europe is not represented in either juvenile race for the first time in Breeders' Cup history. Alhaarth, who was never in contention to make the trip, is all but assured of heading the Two-Year-Old International Classification when Europe's handicappers assess the juvenile crop in January. Alhaarth's dominance was never threatened by the victory of Beauchamp King in the Racing Post Trophy at Doncaster on Saturday, the final British Pattern race of the Flat season.

Beauchamp King, trained by John Dunlop, tracked Mons and Even Top in the one-mile test before John Reid sent his mount to the front approaching the final furlong. The grey quickly asserted his superiority over Even Top, while Mons, who laboured on the lively surface, faded into third place. The victory elevated Dunlop, the newly-crowned champion trainer, to within short change of £2 million in British earnings for the year.

Beauchamp King is a best-priced 16-1 for the 2,000 Guineas. "At the moment I think Alhaarth is different class to anything else," Dunlop said, "but there's some way to go until May and my horse appears the type to make plenty of physical improvement. He has plenty of speed so we'll put him in the race and see how he goes."

Dunlop also warned against supporting Beauchamp King for the Derby. "It must be doubtful he will get 12 furlongs. His brother, Beauchamp Jazz, doesn't get a yard beyond a mile and this fellow may turn out the same."

TRAINERS

	1st	2nd	3rd	[illegible]	Level stakes
J Dunlop	121	90	91	1	-93.16
M Johnston	103	113	90	11	-144.89
R Hannon	103	118	107	8	-296.09
J Gosden	80	61	49	9	-60.31
H Cecil	76	72	37	3	-53.64
P Cole	73	60	66	13	-80.55
B Hills	72	61	62	3	-99.23
M Stoute	71	67	53	1	-84.04
M Channon	70	70	70	20	-133.56

JOCKEYS

	1st	2nd	3rd	Losing sequence	Level stakes
L Dettori	210	156	135	5	-105.30
J Weaver	144	135	127	25	-195.32
K Darley	143	118	117	7	-139.78
W Carson	137	89	89	31	-152.14
Pat Eddery	123	79	73	0	-93.09
T Quinn	106	95	102	24	-190.91
J Reid	98	93	75	2	-103.73
R Cochrane	98	89	95	3	-137.51
K Fallon	89	94	86	1	-12.82



Murphy's winning return on Jibereen in a Flat race at Chepstow 13 days ago has attracted the attention of the Jockey Club

Publicity is no substitute for integrity

JULIAN MUSCAT

Racing commentary

Those present when Declan Murphy made a winning return at Chepstow two weeks ago said it was almost too good to be true. Now the Jockey Club is investigating whether Murphy's comeback, after 17 months' absence with a fractured skull, was indeed the stuff of dreams.

Betting patterns surrounding Jibereen, who was never seriously challenged by 11 opponents in the seven-furlong contest, have aroused the interest of the Jockey Club's security department. The horse was heavily supported, contracting from an opening price of 11-2 to 3-1 favourite. Murphy's subsequent victory was feted by the media as a glorious triumph over life-threatening injuries he suffered in a horrific fall at Haydock in May last year.

Furthermore, the Jockey Club inquiry has focused on other aspects of Chepstow's Annual Flat v Jump Jockeys' Challenge, an invitational event in which rides are determined by ballot. Three days before Murphy partnered Jibereen in the race, he went to the Epsom stables of Geoff Lewis, who trains the horse, to ride Jibereen at exercise. Murphy yesterday described his drawing of Jibereen in the ballot 24 hours before the race as "a complete coincidence".

Murphy, Lewis and Rodger Farrant, the clerk of the course at Chepstow who conducted the jockeys' ballot, have all reacted angrily to the Jockey Club investigation. However, even if the club's disciplinary committee — which is evaluating the evidence — dismisses any suggestion of improper conduct, the fact that Murphy's comeback race is the subject of scrutiny bodes ill for racing.

In any sport fairytale returns inevitably attract widespread media coverage. Doubtless some are engineered to yield the dream result. When Monica Seles returned to the tennis circuit in an exhibition match with Martina Navratilova, it hardly mattered whether Navratilova gave her all in defeat.

In racing, however, such sentiment is hopelessly misplaced. When the public is invited to bet on the outcome, any desire for "the right result" must give way to the demands of absolute integrity. The merest whiff of scandal prompts those with little or no knowledge of racing to declare the sport crooked.

Manufacturing a scenario for the media's benefit is fraught with danger. It will have been injudicious if the Jockey Club's disciplinary committee believes there is a case to answer. But then, racing's insiders have never fully understood the importance of integrity to those who bet on racing.

Punters are not properly recognised in their capacity as the sport's principal source of funds. They are treated contemptibly: no more than a nuisance to be tolerated. An anecdote concerning Lester Piggott is instructive in this respect. According to the man himself, he gained his first winner because the jockey riding the runner-up restrained his mount after connections arrived at the course too late to back it themselves.

Those with the sport's best interests at heart will be hoping for two developments within the Jockey Club this week. Its disciplinary committee must announce without delay whether answers are required of Murphy's comeback at Chepstow. And the Club must ensure that responsibility for the jockeys' ballot in invitational races is taken from racecourses hosting such events.

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THUNDERER

1.15 Matisse. 1.45 Danish Circus. 2.15 Daunting Destiny. 2.45 Stately Dancer. 3.15 Beauchamp Jade. 3.45 Shefoog. 4.15 Brockton Flame.

GOING: FIRM (GOOD TO FIRM IN PLACES) DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE SIS

1.15 SEAGRAVE APPRENTICES CLAIMING HANDICAP
(£2,428: 1m 8yd) (20 runners)

101 (16) 0-00510 RAFTER-J 147 (D,G,S) (W Meah) J A Harris 4-8-10 J Edmunds (5) 98
102 (10) 523-000 CAUSLEY 4 (D,F,G,S) (P West) D Hyde 10-9-7 R Bristand (7) 86
103 (18) 020500 PUSEY STREET BOY 13 (D,F,G,S) (C Marks) J Bosley 8-9-1 F Lynch (3) 97
104 (2) 405340 RAD 5 (D,G) (S C Woods) S Woods 5-8-11 J Moon (7) 94
105 (12) 363408 LEGEND DULAC 28 (CD,F,G,S) (R Feamell) J A Harris 6-8-9 C Lowther (5) 91
106 (4) 062005 MIGHTY KINGDOM 5 (D,F) (J Purcell) C Dwyer 4-8-8 R Mullen (5) 94
107 (6) 426603 CICERONE 5 (D,G,S) (Dr C Ashpole) J L Harris 5-8-8 D Sweeney (5) 95
108 (20) 536046 POP TO STANS 5 (V,D,F,G) (A Thompson) J Pearce 6-8-8 M Nutter (5) 94
109 (19) 10/360-3 FORGETFUL 207 (The Equus Club) D Burchell 6-8-8 K Sked (5) 90
110 (9) 040200 SHAYNES DOMAIN 118 (B,G) (Mrs P Gasse) R Flower 4-8-8 C Scudder (5) 87
111 (5) 006060 ANOTHERONE TO NOTE 31 (B) (T Clarke) N Littmoden 4-8-8 J Bramhill (5) 89
112 (17) 304523 MATISSE 35 (Mrs J Bithell) J Bethell 4-8-6 T Finn (5) 93
113 (14) 00346/0- TAUTEN 518 (T Barker) P Burgoyne 5-8-6 Debbie Biggs (3) —
114 (7) 250660 RABA 5 (D,G) (A Peake) Miss N Macauley 7-8-5 Iona Wands 67
115 (3) 001060 DOZLEM 23 (B,D,F) (Brockleigh Guarding Ltd) J Poulton 6-8-5 G Faulkner 97
116 (15) 504500 RUDDIGORE 20 (B) (R Russell) K Burke 3-8-5 R Ffrench (7) 99
117 (13) 600 LADYBOWER 174 (Lord Huntingdon) Lord Huntingdon 3-8-5 J Wilkinson 85
118 (1) 0000-00 EVANRO 9 (G) (W Clarke) T Barron 4-8-5 Kimberley Hart 90
119 (8) 00-0600 MISS IRON HEART 37 (B) (A MacGillivray) D Cosgrove 3-8-4 Jo Hunnam (3) 91
120 (11) 0-02053 GOLDEN FISH 37 (B) (A Jackson) J Eyre 3-8-4 G Milligan 98

BETTING: 7-1 Matisse, 8-1 Rafter-J, Forgetful, 10-1 Pusey Street Boy, Legend Dulac, Cicerone, 12-1 Rad, 14-1 others.

1994: SANDMOOR DENIM 7-9-7 G Strange (10-1) S Bowring 19 ran

FORM FOCUS

RAFTER-J beat Once More For Luck neck in 13-runner claimer at Pontefract (1m, good) on penultimate start. CICERONE 3¼l 3rd of 20 to Total Rach in selling handicap at Yarmouth (1m, good to firm) with MIGHTY KINGDOM (1lb better off) 3½l 5th. FORGETFUL 6¼l 3rd of 10 to Misty Silks in handicap over course and distance (soft). MATISSE 2½l 3rd of 13 to Friar Street in maiden handicap at Edinburgh (7f, good). GOLDEN FISH 6¼l 3rd of 13 to Another Time in seller at Thirsk (1m, good to firm).
Selection: CICERONE

1.45 EUROPEAN BREEDERS FUND WIDMERPOOL MAIDEN STAKES
(2-Y-O: £4,143: 7f 9yd) (11 runners)

201 (5) 6 APACHE LEN 52 (R Tatano) R Hannon 9-0 R Hughes 85
202 (8) 0 APPEAL AGAIN 32 (C Webster) Mrs J Ramsden 9-0 J F Egan —
203 (11) 53 DANISH CIRCUS 20 (S Sveiby) M Heaton-Ellis 9-0 W Woods 98
204 (10) 4 HARBOUR DUES 12 (Hesmonds Stud) Lady Herries 9-0 R Cochrane 88
205 (9) LAAZIM AFOOZ (A Al Maktoum) R Phillips 9-0 M Fenton —
206 (6) 42 NAME OF OUR FATHER 12 (Oak Cliff Foals Of 1993) J Gosden 9-0 Pat Eddery 99
207 (2) NATAL RIDGE (G Weeks) D Haydn Jones 9-0 S Whitworth —
208 (7) 00 NIGHT SILENCE 5 (Fahd Salman) M Prescott 9-0 C Nutter 74
209 (1) 00 NORTH STAR 95 (P Sedgwick) R Hannon 9-0 G Carter 78
210 (4) 6 DANCE ON A CLOUD 30 (Hesmonds Stud) M Stoute 8-9 M Hills —
211 (3) DISC OF GOLD (Sheikh Mohammed) M Johnston 8-9 T Williams —

BETTING: 5-4 Name Of Our Father, 9-2 Danish Circus, 7-1 Disc Of Gold, 8-1 Harbour Dues, 10-1 Dance On A Cloud, 12-1 others.

1994: CRAIGMILL 8-9 W Ryan (15-8) H Cecil 16 ran

FORM FOCUS

DANISH CIRCUS about 5½l 3rd of 17 to All-Royal in maiden at Warwick (7f, good to soft). HARBOUR DUES 1¼l 4th of 9 to Polar Eclipse in maiden at Haydock (7f, good to soft). LAAZIM AFOOZ (foaled Apr 15). First foal, by Mtoto; dam useful 5f/7f winner at two and three years. NAME OF OUR FATHER 6l 2nd of 9 to Circled in maiden at Haydock (7f, good to soft). DANCE ON A CLOUD 15¼l 6th of 16 to Polar Prince in maiden at Haydock (7f, good). DISC OF GOLD (Mar 15). Half-sister by Silver Hawk to several winners including smart North American performer Make Change; dam winner in North America.
Selection: DANISH CIRCUS

2.15 JOHN O'GAUNT NURSERY HANDICAP
(2-Y-O: £3,846: 7f 9yd) (13 runners)

301 (5) 31 CEBWOB 31 (D,G) (C Budgett) P Cole 9-7 M Henry (5) 94
302 (3) 542212 REBEL COUNTY 25 (F) (Edenvale Bloodstock) D Cosgrove 9-0 M Rimmer 93
303 (12) 00204 DAUNTING DESTINY 7 (Gold Buster Syndicate) R Hannon 8-11 Dane O'Neill (5) 97
304 (8) 060 SEATTLE ALLEY 13 (P Leonard) Mrs J Ramsden 8-11 M Deering 90
305 (13) 63100 WORLDWIDE ELSIE 9 (G) (T Dawson Inner Circle) R Harris 8-7 A Mackay 96
306 (11) 0235 VILLAGE NATIVE 33 (A Richards) K Cunningham-Brown 8-7 P McCabe (3) 97
307 (10) 600 KNAVE 13 (Cheveley Park Stud) R Hannon 8-6 G Carter 85
308 (2) 0550 PEARLS OF THOUGHT 25 (Mrs F Ellison) P Walwyn 8-1 J F Egan 87
309 (6) 503404 IT'S A RIPPER 7 (BF) (J Manley) G Lewis 7-12 T Williams 91
310 (7) 500 IMPETUOUS LADY 20 (M Hawkal) W Musson 7-10 N Varley (3) 92
311 (4) 000 MON PERE 34 (Mrs H Rowe) K McAuliffe 7-10 J Lowe 99
312 (9) 202300 MISS CAROTTENE 27 (V) (F Al-Mutawa) M Ryan 7-9 M Baird (5) 96
313 (1) 450600 NORTHERN CLAN 35 (Mrs E Rhind) M W Easterby 7-7 P Fessey (5) 95

Long handicap: Northern Clan 7-1.

BETTING: 5-2 Cebwob, 8-1 Rebel County, Daunting Destiny, Seattle Alley, Knave, It's A Ripper, 10-1 Worldwide Elsie, 12-1 others.

1994: CLIFTON FOX 8-13 M Birch (11-2) J Glover 18 ran

FORM FOCUS

CEBWOB beat Mandarella 4l in 15-runner maiden auction at Redcar (7f, good). REBEL COUNTY 5l 2nd of 16 to Fenna in claimer at Lingfield (6f, soft). Earlier 3l 4th of 11 to Pharaoh's Joy in maiden auction at Nottingham (6f, good to firm). DAUNTING DESTINY about 2l 4th of 13 to Monsieur in maiden auction at Folkestone (7f, good). WORLDWIDE ELSIE 5l 9th of 18 to Royal Ceilidh in nursery at Catterick (7f, good to firm). VILLAGE NATIVE about 4½l 5th of 16 to Eastern Paradise in maiden at Brighton (6f, good). IT'S A RIPPER 6¼l 4th of 18 to Bass River in rated maiden at Folkestone (6f, good).
Selection: CEBWOB

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COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: P Walwyn, 8 winners from 32 runners, 25.0%; H Cecil, 22 from 90, 24.4%; J Gosden, 21 from 91, 23.1%; M Stoute, 13 from 65, 20.0%; G Wragg, 8 from 40, 20.0%.

JOCKEYS: Pat Eddery, 33 winners from 148 rides, 22.3%; W R Swinburn, 15 from 99, 15.2%; A Garth, 5 from 39, 12.8%; T Ives, 3 from 24, 12.5%; K Fallon, 7 from 57, 12.3%; M Birch, 3 from 29, 10.3%.

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Lingfield Park: 3.00 Mighty Squaw, 4.30 Analogue, Merit. Leicester: 1.15 Golden Fish, Miss Iron Heart, Ruddigore.

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing: J if jumps, F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

2.45 EUROPEAN BREEDERS FUND FLECKNEY MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES
(2-Y-O: £4,338: 5f 218yd) (18 runners)

401 (16) ASMAHAAN (H Al-Tajir) H Thomson Jones 8-11 G Carter —
402 (10) CHARLOTTE CORDAY (A Oppenheimer) G Wragg 8-11 F Norton —
403 (6) 50 DESERT LYNX 27 (Mrs R Watson) T Watson 8-11 S Sanders 85
404 (9) 0 FARAWAY LASS 53 (J Rose) Lord Huntingdon 8-11 Pat Eddery 80
405 (1) FLORRIE'M (Lavender Hill Leisure) J L Harris 8-11 A Mackay —
406 (5) 50 FROG 10 (B Haggas) M Prescott 8-11 M Birch —
407 (4) 44 NEED YOU BADLY 9 (BF) (A Ali) S Woods 8-11 W Woods 77
408 (8) 0 OATEY 160 (R Barnett) Mrs J Ramsden 8-11 J F Egan —
409 (3) PATRIO (T Ford) M Johnston 8-11 T Williams —
410 (13) 03 PEPPERS 14 (Mrs L Cumani) L Cumani 8-11 R Ffrench (7) 86
411 (15) PERRYWINKLE WAY (Mrs A Kigg) Mrs A King 8-11 J Williams —
412 (7) 00 QUEEN EMMA 28 (E Houghton) J Moore 8-11 N Varley (3) —
413 (12) RAINY DAY SONG (Mrs S Thomas) Miss G Kelleway 8-11 R Cochrane —
414 (11) 00 SAMARA 25 (Mrs N Elwes) J Dunlop 8-11 R Hughes —
415 (2) SHARP 'N' SHADY (W Wallick) C Wall 8-11 W Lord —
416 (17) 0 STATELY DANCER 10 (Exors of P Oppenheimer) G Wragg 8-11 M Hills —
417 (18) TRUTH (Cheveley Park Stud) M Prescott 8-11 C Nutter —
418 (14) 063 WILDWOOD FLOWER 13 (G Howard-Spink) R Hannon 8-11 Dane O'Neill (5) 99

BETTING: 3-1 Peppers, 5-1 Wildwood Flower, 7-1 Asmahaan, 8-1 Stately Dancer, 10-1 Truth, Charlotte Corday, 12-1 Oatey, 14-1 others.

1994: GOLDEN LADY 8-11 T Quinn (10-1) R Hannon 14 ran

FORM FOCUS

ASMAHAAN (foaled Feb 24). Sister by Dayjur to juvenile 6f winner Haddeyah, dam juvenile 6f winner. CHARLOTTE CORDAY (Mar 9). Sister by Kris to two winners including useful 1m 2f scorer Gai Bulga and half-sister to useful juvenile Glatisant, dam Nassau Stakes winner. PEPPERS 7l 3rd of 18 to Oleana in maiden here (7f, good). STATELY DANCER 9¼l 17th of 21 to Projection in maiden at Newmarket (6f, good to firm). TRUTH (Feb 3). First foal, by Prince Sabo; dam juvenile 7f winner. WILDWOOD FLOWER 1l 3rd of 7 to Chalamont in conditions race at Chepstow (6f, good to soft).
Selection: WILDWOOD FLOWER

3.15 SQUIRREL CONDITIONS STAKES
(£5,163: 1m 3f 183yd) (6 runners)

501 (1) 110-046 AL WIDYAN 10 (F,S) (Prince A Faisal) H Cecil 3-8-12 R Cochrane 98
502 (2) 3122 SANDOSEA 165 (G) (M Al Maktoum) M Stoute 3-8-11 W R Swinburn 99
503 (4) 3- DACHA 361 (Cliveden Stud) H Cecil 3-8-7 Pat Eddery 89
504 (5) 210805 SPARROWHAWK 14 (F) (R Sangster) B Hills 3-8-6 M Hills 93
505 (6) 363-432 BEAUCHAMP JADE 14 (E Penser) H Candy 3-8-2 G Carter 95
506 (3) 3-2 SPEED TO LEAD 109 (Buckram Oak Holdings) H Cecil 3-8-2 A McGlone 94

BETTING: 5-2 Sandosea, 11-4 Speed To Lead, Dacha, 8-1 Al Widyan, 7-1 Sparrowhawk, Beauchamp Jade.

1994: COTTEIR CHIEF 3-9-3 Pat Eddery (100-30) M Pipe 4 ran

FORM FOCUS

AL WIDYAN 9l 4th of 9 to Revere in listed race at Goodwood (1m 2f, good to soft) on penultimate start. SANDOSEA 1¾l 2nd of 5 to Peralra in listed race at Chester (1m 2f 75yd, good to firm). DACHA 1¼l and neck 3rd of 13 to Balliol Boy in maiden at Nottingham (1m, good). BEAUCHAMP JADE 1¼l 2nd of 18 to Stapy Dam in handicap over course and distance (good) with SPARROWHAWK (7lb worse off) 1l 5th. SPEED TO LEAD 1l 2nd of 7 to Tinashaan in maiden at Yarmouth (1m 3f 101yd, good to firm).
Selection: SANDOSEA (nap)

3.45 WYSALL CONDITIONS STAKES (£5,210: 7f 9yd) (7 runners)

601 (5) 310300 MR BERGERAC 9 (C,F,S) (P John) B Palling 4-9-8 T Sprake 83
602 (2) 105602 KARAYB 13 (CD,F,G) (H Al Maktoum) D Morley 3-8-12 R Cochrane 95
603 (4) 0/00000- COCKMERE VENTURE 409 (R Streeter) J Poulton 5-8-7 G Faulkner (7) —
604 (1) 06/ MARJAN 738 (R Pfeiffer) T Caldwell 4-8-7 J Lowe —
605 (7) 1-55020 CRYSTAL CAVERN 17 (D,G) (Exors of P Oppenheimer) R Charlton 3-8-6 Pat Eddery 99
606 (6) 063250 SHEFOOG 24 (D,S) (A Al Stalfan) R Armstrong 3-8-6 R Price 95
607 (3) MISS TICKLEPENNY (E Evers) D Chappell 3-8-4 W Woods —

BETTING: 5-4 Crystal Cavern, 5-2 Shefoog, 4-1 Karayb, 8-1 Mr Bergerac, 12-1 Miss Ticklepenny, 25-1 Marjan, 33-1 Cockmere Venture.

1994: JAFEICA 3-9-3 Pat Eddery (2-1) R Hannon 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

MR BERGERAC 2l 7th of 12 to Croft Pool in handicap at Newmarket (5f, good to firm). KARAYB ½l 2nd of 8 to Shemaq in conditions race here (1m, good). MARJAN about 8l 5th of 13 to Rose Ciel in maiden auction at Catterick (7f, soft), October 1993. CRYSTAL CAVERN head 2nd of 7 to Mandarina at Brighton (7f, good) on penultimate start. SHEFOOG 3l 7th of 12 to Doctor's Glory in handicap at Newmarket (6f, good).
Selection: CRYSTAL CAVERN

4.15 THRUSSINGTON HANDICAP (£4,360: 5f 218yd) (22 runners)

1 (9) 300300 BARATO 12 (D,F,G) (D Young) Mrs J Ramsden 4-9-11 T Finn (7) 98
2 (13) 020000 ROBELLION 8 (V,F) (G Thomson) D Arbuthnot 4-9-11 R Hughes 96
3 (19) 368/456 SOLDIER COVE 18 (G) (Lattysinood Racing) M Meade 5-9-10 R Havlin (5) 85
4 (14) 060420 PETRACO 7 (CD,F,G,S) (B Gover) N Smith 7-9-10 S D Williams 97
5 (18) 000004 PRIMA SILK 7 (D,F,G) (Three Ply Racing) M Ryan 4-9-9 T Ives 96
6 (17) 142450 BROCKTON FLAME 12 (D,F,G) (Mrs D La Trobe) J Eustace 3-9-8 M Tebbutt 95
7 (12) 504006 GONE SAVAGE 12 (D,F,G,S) (On The Floor Partners) W Musson 7-9-6 Pat Eddery 94
8 (3) 004211 CRETAN GIFT 9 (V,D,G) (R M Racecourses) N Littmoden 4-9-4 T G McLaughlin 99
9 (8) 020004 FRIENDLY BRAVE 4 (S) (Gnd Racing) Miss G Kelleway 5-9-4 M Hills 96
10 (7) 000063 SHEPHERD MARKET 13 (D,F,G) (T Riley-Smith) D Wilson 4-9-3 G Carter 95
11 (16) 430250 DASHING DANCER 26 (P Roberts) R Akehurst 4-9-2 S Sanders 85
12 (6) 504346 SIZZLING 24 (F) (Mrs P Jubert) R Hannon 3-9-1 Dane O'Neill (5) 90
13 (11) 321300 LEGATEE 13 (F,G) (South Normanton Racing) A Streeter 4-9-0 L Newton (5) 89
14 (15) 020000 RAMBOLD 33 (D,F,G) (R Collins) N Barry 4-8-12 T Williams 98
15 (2) 686100 NORLING 7 (D,F,G) (S Pedersen) K Cunningham-Brown 5-8-11 L Charnock 93
16 (21) /00106/ COBBLERS HILL 821 (F,G) (Miss S Steel) C Barwell 5-8-10 P McCabe (3) —
17 (9) 000020 INDIAHRA 7 (G,S) (P Lawton) R Hollinshead 4-8-9 — 91
18 (20) 00080-0 WYCHWOOD SANDY 39 (B Coombs) H Collingridge 4-8-8 M Rimmer 80
19 (4) 00-5332 KIRA 9 (J Wilson) J Eyre 5-8-7 R Lappin 98
20 (1) 100240 POYLE JEZEBELLE 13 (D,F) (C Wiggins) M Blanshard 4-8-7 R Cochrane 96
21 (10) 423000 LLOC 9 (S) (J Purcell) C Dwyer 3-8-6 N Varley (3) 93
22 (22) 030003 GONDO 33 (V,D,F,G,S) (Mrs H O'Brien) E Alston 8-8-6 Martin Dwyer (7) 91

BETTING: 7-1 Cretan Gift, 8-1 Shepherd Market, Barato, 10-1 Sizzling, Dashing Dancer, 12-1 Friendly Brave, Gone Savage, 14-1 others.

1994: SAILORMAITE 3-9-9 S Webster (11-1) S Bowring 22 ran

FORM FOCUS

BARATO best recent effort when 1l and head 3rd of 13 to Xinayton Lass in apprentices handicap at Redcar (6f, good). PRIMA SILK 3¾l 4th of 16 to Oare Sparrow in handicap at Folkestone (6f, good) with NORLING (14lb better off) 20¼l 14th. GONE SAVAGE best recent effort when 1¼l 7th of 26 to Hamsal in handicap at Goodwood (6f, good) with PETRACO (5lb worse off) 8¼l 22th. CRETAN GIFT completed double, beat Sing With The Band 1l in 11-runner handicap at Wolverhampton (AW, 6f). FRIENDLY BRAVE about 1¼l 4th of 26 to Little Ibor in rated stakes at Nottingham (5f, good to firm). SHEPHERD MARKET 3¼l 3rd of 12 to Jibereen in handicap at Chepstow (7f, good to soft). SIZZLING 4¾l 6th of 25 to Rhythmic Dancer in handicap at Goodwood (5f, good to soft) with FRIENDLY BRAVE (4lb better off) 5l 14th. KIRA 2l 2nd of 19 to Blue Bomber in a handicap at Catterick (7f, good to firm).
Selection: PRIMA SILK

SATURDAY'S DETAILS

Doncaster

Going: good to firm

1.40 (7f) 1. Carburton (Paul Eddery, 5-4 fav), 2. Angel Chimes (7-1), 3. Scenicris (16-1). 11 ran. ½l, 2½l. J Glover. Tote £2.00; £1.20, £2.60, £3.20. DF £9.70. Trio £116.10. CSF £11.95. Tricast £103.15.

2.10 (1m 2f 60yd) 1. Eurolink The Rebel (Pat Eddery, 11-4), 2. Lunar Mission (12-1), 3. Oakbury (5-1). Western General 13-8 fav. 15 ran. NR: Green's Maison. 6l, hd. R Akehurst. Tote £3.80; £1.60, £3.50, £1.50. DF £22.80. Trio £30.80. CSF £33.82.

2.40 (5f) 1. Croft Pool (S D Williams, 7-2 jt-fav), 2. Coffee 'N Cream (9-1), 3. That Man Again (5-1). Takadou 7-2 jt-fav. 10 ran. ¾l, ¾l. J Glover. Tote £4.10; £1.90, £1.50, £2.20. DF £17.50. Trio £30.50. CSF £33.49. Tricast £144.79.

3.10 (7f) 1. Monaassib (W R Swinburn, 4-1), 2. Blomberg (9-1), 3. Prince Of India (6-1). fav. 4 ran. 1¼l, sh hd. E Dunlop. Tote £4.40. DF £14.50. CSF £23.92.

3.40 (1m) 1. Beauchamp King (J Reid, 11-4), 2. Even Top (3-1), 3. Mons (4-5 fav). 4 ran. 1½l, nk. J Dunlop. Tote £3.20. DF £3.50. CSF £9.68.

4.15 (6f) 1. Thrilling Day (D Harrison, 11-2), 2. Resounder (11-10 fav), 3. Greek Icon (7-2). 7 ran. ½l, 2½l. N Graham. Tote £5.90; £2.70, £1.50. DF £4.80. CSF £12.11.

4.45 (1m 4f) 1. Blushing Flame (Pat Eddery, 8-1), 2. Step Aloft (8-1), 3. Casual Water (8-1), 4. Benfleet (12-1). Keep Your Distance 100-30 fav. 19 ran. Nk, sh hd. M Stoute. Tote £13.40; £3.50, £2.10, £2.40, £3.60. DF £96.70. Trio £702.60. CSF £80.71. Tricast £516.09.

Placepot: £336.20. Quadpot: £84.70.

Newbury

1.30 1. Smart Generation (7-1), 2. Wilcuma (8-1), 3. Hunters Of Brora (9-1). Akil 3-1 fav. 12 ran.

2.00 1. Sil Sila (25-1), 2. Pacific Grove (20-1), 3. Needham Star (14-1). Thracian 11-10 fav. 9 ran.

2.30 1. Phantom Gold (6-1), 2. Asterita (20-1), 3. Whitechapel (25-1). Revere 100-30 fav. 12 ran.

3.00 1. Court Joker (25-1), 2. Magic Junction (6-1), 3. Knotally Wood (8-1). Sunderland Echo 11-4 fav. 16 ran. NR: Jonas Chudleigh.

3.30 1. Lunar Mist (11-4 fav), 2. Amaretto Bay (16-1), 3. Polly Golightly (12-1). 14 ran.

4.00 1. Henry The Fifth (11-2), 2. More Than You Know (4-1), 3. Believe Me (13-2). Red Robbo 4-5 fav. 5 ran. NR: Doctor Green.

4.30 1. Proud Monk (12-1), 2. Second Time Lucky (11-1), 3. Deadline Time (100-30 fav), 4. Daily Risk (14-1). 19 ran. NR: Village Native.

Jackpot: not won (pool of £69,305.16 carried forward to Leicester today).
Placepot: £5,808.60. Quadpot: £127.30.

Carlisle

1.55 1. Scotty Cay (10-1), 2. Star Performer (7-2 fav), 3. Never So Blue (7-1). 13 ran. NR: Gunnell.

2.25 1. Ballindoo (9-2), 2. Sands Point (20-1), 3. Batono (7-2). Forcing Two 7-4 fav. 9 ran.

2.55 1. Spanish Light (15-8 fav), 2. Chasedenforce (25-1), 3. Xara Palace (66-1). 10 ran.

3.25 1. Adrien (8-1), 2. His Way (9-4), 3. Monsru (13-8 fav). 4 ran.

3.55 1. Ninfa (9-4), 2. Fivelegh Suede (Evens fav), 3. Rusty Blade (10-1). 6 ran.

4.25 1. Flash Of Realm (6-4 fav), 2. Superhoo (14-1), 3. Aide Memoire (2-1). 6 ran.

4.55 1. Magslad (9-4), 2. Jocks Cross (6-5 fav), 3. Duke Of Perth (9-4). 4 ran.

Huntingdon

2.15 1. My Key Silca (2-1), 2. Bondaid (15-8 fav), 3. Cimidjoy (4-1). 5 ran.

2.45 1. The Minister (6-1), 2. Sensitive King (Evens fav), 3. Precious Juno (9-2). 5 ran.

3.15 1. Layham Low (4-1), 2. Royal Thimble (5-1), 3. Added Dimension (13-2). Run For Dante 7-2 fav. 9 ran.

3.45 1. James Pigg (5-4 fav), 2. Spanish Fair (9-4), 3. Spartan Silver (2-1). 3 ran.

4.20 1. Kalasadi (11-4), 2. Strung Rhythm (4-9 fav), 3. Frensham Canyon (33-1). 6 ran.

4.50 1. Wamdha (5-2), 2. No Light (7-4 fav), 3. Royal Print (5-1). 5 ran.

Worcester

2.05 1. Ray River (25-1), 2. Magical Bid (14-1), 3. Gentaur Express (11-1). The Mon 11-4 fav. 15 ran. NR: Mayday Kitty.

2.35 1. Wee River (7-4 fav), 2. Full O'Praise (4-1), 3. Cone d'Estruval (6-1). 6 ran.

3.05 1. Chernynut (9-4), 2. Linden's Lotto (2-1 fav), 3. Lucky Dollar (5-2). 7 ran.

3.40 1. Lead Vocalist (13-8), 2. Go Ballistic (4-5 fav), 3. Keep Me In Mind (13-2). 4 ran.

4.25 1. Celtic Laird (3-1), 2. Emrys Miss (33-1), 3. Docs Dilemma (Evens fav). 8 ran.

5.00 1. Chris's Glen (7-2), 2. Royal Circus (13-2), 3. Missed The Boat (6-4 fav). 5 ran.

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: SHEFOOG
(3.45 Leicester)
Next best: Danish Circus
(1.45 Leicester)

RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S TWO MEETINGS

Wincanton

Going: firm, good to firm in places

1.45 (3m 1f 110yd ch) 1. BANNTOWN BILL (D Bridgwater, 4-5 fav), 2. Trust Deed (G Upton, 5-1), 3. Saracen's Boy (Mr L Jefford, 33-1). ALSO RAN: 7-4 Washington Heights (4th). 4 ran. NR: Bishops Castle, Taurean Tycoon. Sh hd, 30l. dist. M Pipe at Wellington. Tote £1.60. DF £3.10. CSF £4.77.

2.15 (2m 6f hdle) 1. FATHER SKY (J McCarthy, 1-6 fav), 2. Ballymgyr (Chris Webb, 10-1), 3. Manila Bay (G Upton, 9-1). ALSO RAN: 25 Smokebridge Gras (4th). 4 ran. 30l, dist. 7l. O Sherwood at Upper Lambourn. Tote £1.30. DF £2.00. CSF £2.49.

2.45 (2m 5f ch) 1. COULTON (R Dunwoody, Evens fav), 2. Amtrak Express (M A Fitzgerald, 11-10), 3. Grange Brake (C Llewellyn, 10-1). 3 ran. NR: Egypt Mill Prince, James Pigg. 6l, dist. O Sherwood at Upper Lambourn. Tote £1.80. DF £1.30. CSF £2.27.

3.15 (2m hdle) 1. KEEP IT ZIPPED (J McCarthy, 3-1), 2. Amber Valley (A P McCoy, 10-1), 3. Total Joy (J Railton, 20-1). ALSO RAN: 11-8 fav Daring Hen, 5-2 Alpzzat (4th), 9 Valiant Toski (6th), 100 Andre's Affair (5th), Mandeville George, 150 Fleeting Glance (pu), Sun Dreamer (pu). 10 ran. 7l, 6l, 25l, 15l, 1½l. O Sherwood at Upper Lambourn. Tote £4.60; £1.30, £2.00, £2.20. DF £18.30. Trio £54.50. CSF £31.56.

3.45 (3m 1f 110yd ch) 1. CHARGED (Peter Hobbs, 5-2), 2. Coole Dodger (B Powell, 2-1 fav), 3. Frozen Drop (A Tory, 100-30). ALSO RAN: 5 Lucky Again (6th), 13-2 Old Brig (5th), 16 Turpin's Green (4th). 6 ran. NR: Gaya Valu, Prudent Peggy. Nk, 11l, 15l, 25l, 2½l. P Hobbs at Minehead. Tote £3.20; £1.80, £2.00. DF £4.40. CSF £8.28. Tricast £15.25.

4.15 (2m hdle) 1. MOST EQUAL (J Lower, 4-6 fav), 2. Holy Wanderer (D Bentley, 2-1), 3. Have A Nightcap (A P McCoy, 100-30). 3 ran. NR: Hedgehopper. 1l, 10l. M Pipe at Wellington. Tote £1.80. DF £1.80. CSF £2.45.

Placepot: £26.40. Quadpot: £27.70.

Wetherby

Going: good to firm

1.30 (2m 7f 110yd hdle) 1. Mr Mulligan (Mr R Johnson, 4-11 fav), 2. Rye Crossing (3-1), 3. La Fontainbleau (25-1). 4 ran. NR: Archcraig. 13l, 4l. Noel T Chance. Tote £1.40. DF £1.50. CSF £1.92.

2.00 (2m 4f 110yd hdle) 1. Highland Park (A Dobbin, 14-1), 2. Goldmire (11-1), 3. Champagne Gold (7-1). Yacht Club 2-1 fav. 12 ran. NR: Lutis Akura. 5l, 2½l. R Craggs. Tote £17.00; £3.50, £3.10, £2.60. DF £121.00. Trio £109.00. CSF £156.25. Tricast £1,066.57.

2.30 (3m 110yd ch) 1. Whaat Fettle (F Dobbin, 100-30), 2. Silver Stick (15-8 fav), 3. Houghton (5-2). 4 ran. 5l, 4l. G Richards. Tote £4.50. DF £5.10. CSF £9.15.

3.00 (2m hdle) 1. Pharare (L O'Hara, 6-1), 2. Newhall Prince (14-1), 3. Issyin (11-2). Our Main Man 5-2 fav. 12 ran. 1l, 2½l. P Woodhouse. Tote £7.00; £2.30, £3.20, £2.40. DF £103.70. Trio £127.50. CSF £84.12. Tricast £448.13.

3.30 (2m 4f 110yd hdle) 1. Old Habits (Miss P Robson, 5-2), 2. French Ivy (Evens fav), 3. Explore Mondial (9-1). 9 ran. NR: Cottage Craft. 2½l, 7l. J Eyre. Tote £3.60; £1.30, £1.40, £1.80. DF £3.10. Trio £6.90. CSF £5.70.

4.00 (2m ch) 1. Cumbrian Challenge (L Wyer, 2-1), 2. Addington Boy (10-11 fav), 3. Wise Advice (5-1). 5 ran. 3l, 25l. M H Easterby. Tote £4.10; £1.50, £1.40. DF £2.20. CSF £4.04.

4.30 (2m flat race) 1. Beggars Banquet (B Grattan, 11-4), 2. Pegasus Bay (8-1), 3. Mr Five (6-1). Falcon's Image 5-2 fav. 13 ran. 1½l, sh hd. P Beaumont. Tote £4.20; £1.90, £2.00, £2.40. DF £16.10. Trio £11.40. CSF £28.57.

Placepot: £391.90. Quadpot: £48.20.

LINGFIELD PARK

THUNDERER

1.00 Jezyah. 1.30 Masnun. 2.00 Tsarnista. 2.30 Tadeo. 3.00 Takdif. 3.30 Rayner. 4.00 Oberon's Dart. 4.30 FINLAGGAN (nap).

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.30 COMIC FANTASY.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 1.00 JEZYAH (nap). 4.00 Glen Parker. 4.30 Finlaggan.

GOING: GOOD (TURF); STANDARD (AW)
DRAW: 5F-7F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST (TURF); 7F, LOW NUMBERS BEST (AW)

1.00 EBF CEDAR MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES
(Div I: 2-Y-O: £4,013: 7f) (14 runners)

1 (11) ALICIA J Dunlop 8-11 J Reid —
2 (7) ALWAYS HAPPY J Fanshawe 8-11 D Harrison —
3 (5) DIASAFINA S Williams 8-11 J Quinn —
4 (6) 0 ETERNALLY GRATEFUL 34 Mrs N Macauley 8-11 Amanda Sanders (7) —
5 (2) 0 EWAR SUNRISE 30 C Brittain 8-11 B Doyle —
6 (1) FARFESTE D Morris 8-11 A Clark —
7 (13) 6 FLYING FLOWERS 10 R Hannon 8-11 R Perham 94
8 (8) 2 HULM 20 H Thomson Jones 8-11 R Hills 83
9 (4) 023 JEZYAH 23 R Armstrong 8-11 W Carson 99
10 (12) 00 NEWLANDS CORNER 24 J Akehurst 8-11 W Newnes —
11 (10) NINOTCHKA J Dunlop 8-11 K Darley —
12 (3) SHEILAS DREAM R Simpson 8-11 S Drowne (3) —
13 (14) 0 SHIRLATY 23 E Dunlop 8-11 J Tate —
14 (9) 0 SWEET TIMES 20 P Cole 8-11 W Ryan 75

5-1 Alicia, 7-2 Ninotchka, 4-1 Jezyah, 9-2 Flying Flowers, 8-1 Always Happy, Hulm, 10-1 Ewar Sunrise, 12-1 others.

1.30 FALLING LEAF LIMITED STAKES
(All-weather: £3,225: 7f) (16)

1 (12) 6601 AFRICAN CHIMES 185 (CD,F,G) W O'Gorman 6-9-2 Emma O'Gorman 95
2 (6) 6505 DREAM CARRIER 22 (D,F,G) R Peacock 7-9-2 D R McCabe (3) 87
3 (10) 4050 FAEZ 9J (CD,S) R Simpson 5-9-2 S Drowne (3) —
4 (8) 1400 MASNUN 44 (C,F,G,S) R O'Sullivan 10-9-2 A Clark 88
5 (13) 0000 MILOS 23 (CD,F,G) T Naughton 4-9-2 G Duffield 81
6 (5) 3002 OUR SHADEE 39 (V,CD,F,G) K Ivory 5-9-2 D Biggs 78
7 (2) 0000 SET THE FASHION 9 (V,D,F,G,S) Lord Huntingdon 6-9-2 D Harrison 89
8 (7) 4000 PRIDE OF HAYLING 36 (F) P Hedger 4-9-1 M Perrett 86
9 (2) 2000 LIVE PROJECT 20 (D,S) M Johnston 3-8-13 K Darley 70
10 (9) 0062 SCISSOR RIDGE 3 (D,G) J Bridger 3-8-13 G Bardwell 75
11 (14) 1105 DISTANT PRINCESS 40 (D,F) B Hills 3-8-12 J Reid 93
12 (15) 3100 MAID WELCOME 164 (V,CD,F,G) Mrs N Macauley 8-8-11 Amanda Sanders (7) 84
13 (1) 3614 DUSK IN DAYTONA 51 (D,F) C James 3-8-10 A Whelan (5) 85
14 (16) 3103 TONYS GIFT 20 (D,F) R Hannon 3-8-10 R Perham 99
15 (4) 4606 ACADEMY LIFE 9 (B) P Cole 3-8-8 R Hills 96
16 (11) 0000 GREEN CITY 16 (F) J Akehurst 3-8-8 W Newnes —

5-1 Distant Princess, 6-1 African Chimes, 7-1 Tonys Gift, Set The Fashion, 8-1 Our Shadee, Academy Life, 10-1 Masnun, 14-1 others.

2.00 EBF CEDAR MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES
(Div II: 2-Y-O: £3,980: 7f) (13)

1 (9) ALPINE TWIST P Chapple-Hyam 8-11 R Havlin (5) —
2 (13) 0 ARCADY 73 P Walwyn 8-11 D Harrison —
3 (1) LIBERATRICE J Dunlop 8-11 W Newnes —
4 (2) LOVE BATETA R Hannon 8-11 R Perham —
5 (6) 6006 MAM'SELLE BERGERAC 7 P Mitchell 8-11 D Wright (3) 83
6 (3) 5002 MIMOSA 23 S Dow 8-11 W Ryan 88
7 (4) 00 PETROS PRIDE 25 M Bolton 8-11 J Quinn —
8 (10) RISING STREAM M Prescott 8-11 G Duffield —
9 (12) 6 ROYAL DIVERSION 25 J Dunlop 8-11 K Darley —
10 (5) RUWY C Benstead 8-11 W Carson —
11 (11) SWEET WILHELMINA Lord Huntingdon 8-11 A Whelan (5) —
12 (8) 00 SWINGALONG GIRL 7 T Jones 8-11 N Carlisle —
13 (7) 402 TSARNISTA 33 (BF) J Dunlop 8-11 J Reid 99

7-2 Alpine Twist, Tsarnista, 4-1 Mimosa, 9-2 Liberatrice, 6-1 Love Bateta, 12-1 Sweet Wilhelmina, 16-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: N Walker, 10 winners from 29 runners, 34.5%; H Thomson Jones, 9 from 27, 33.3%; P Chapple-Hyam, 4 from 14, 28.6%; H Cecil, 11 from 44, 25.0%; B Hills, 23 from 98, 23.5%.

JOCKEYS: K Darley, 9 winners from 32 rides, 28.1%; W Carson, 24 from 88, 27.3%; R Hills, 20 from 93, 21.5%; Emma O'Gorman, 39 from 188, 20.7%; J Stack, 5 from 29, 17.2%; W Ryan, 30 from 191, 15.7%.

2.30 JARDINE INSURANCE BROKERS BURR CONDITIONS STAKES (2-Y-O: £4,971: 5f) (7)

1 (3) 2534 TADEO 16 (D,F) M Johnston 9-1 J Reid 90
2 (4) 5845 DANCING JACK 7 J Bridger 8-11 G Bardwell 70
3 (5) 0000 MIDNIGHT COOKIE 6 B Pearce 8-11 D R McCabe (3) 50
4 (1) 2 SHARP STOCK 7 (BF) B Meehan 8-11 B Doyle 71
5 (6) 1322 COMIC FANTASY 40 (B,D,BF,F) P Chapple-Hyam 8-10 R Havlin (5) 99
6 (7) 00 GOLDSEARCH 10 W O'Gorman 8-6 Emma O'Gorman 73
7 (2) 2 SONGSHEET 18 R Guest 8-6 G Duffield 84

6-4 Tadeo, 2-1 Comic Fantasy, 3-1 Songsheet, 6-1 Sharp Stock, 25-1 Dancing Jack, 33-1 Midnight Cookie, 66-1 Goldsearch.

3.00 McDOWELLS MAIDEN STAKES
(3-Y-O: £4,104: 1m 6f) (11)

1 (7) 00 BAGBY BOY 26 P Hedger 9-0 M Perrett —
2 (11) 2435 CYPRESS AVENUE 102 R Hannon 9-0 J Reid 99
3 (3) 0000 DAZZLER 68 M Campion 9-0 R Hills —
4 (1) DUTCH G Enright 9-0 N Adams —
5 (10) 4333 HIGH PATRIARCH 20 (V,BF) J Dunlop 9-0 K Darley 89
6 (9) LOST REALM M Meade 9-0 V Slattery —
7 (4) 4322 TAKDIF 12 (BF) B Hills 9-0 W Carson 97
8 (2) 5442 TIBETAN 101 Lady Herries 9-0 J Quinn 85
9 (5) 0 ZADOK 13 R Phillips 9-0 G Duffield —
10 (6) 00 FORTUNES ROSE 25 J King 8-9 S Drowne (3) —
11 (8) 6304 MIGHTY SQUAW 10 (V) Miss G Kelleway 8-9 A Whelan (5) 68

7-4 Takdif, 2-1 Cypress Avenue, 3-1 High Patriarch, 4-1 Tibetan, 20-1 Lost Realm, 33-1 Mighty Squaw, 40-1 Dazzler, 50-1 others.

3.30 EBF WILLOW MAIDEN STAKES
(Div I: 2-Y-O colts & geldings: £3,785: 7f) (10)

1 (8) 02 ALAMBAR 13 P Walwyn 8-11 W Carson 98
2 (5) ALHAWA C Benstead 8-11 R Hills —
3 (9) 0 ANTARCTIC STORM 10 E Dunlop 8-11 W Ryan 98
4 (2) 00 BALLPOINT 20 R Hannon 8-11 K Darley 73
5 (7) 43 EUROBOX BOY 11 A Jarvis 8-11 J Tate 83
6 (1) 53 LAGAN 32 C Brittain 8-11 B Doyle 84
7 (3) MELLOW MASTER N Walker 8-11 J Stack (3) —
8 (6) 64 NAKHAL 40 D Murray Smith 8-11 D Harrison 99
9 (10) 0 NAVAL HUNTER 40 P Harris 8-11 G Hind —
10 (4) 6 RAYNER 96 P Chapple-Hyam 8-11 J Reid —

11-4 Alambar, 3-1 Nakhal, 9-2 Antarctic Storm, Eurobox Boy, 7-1 Lagan, 10-1 Rayner, 14-1 others.

4.00 EUROPEAN BREEDERS FUND WILLOW MAIDEN STAKES
(Div II: 2-Y-O colts & geldings: £3,785: 7f) (9)

1 (1) 244 ASHJAR 13 H Thomson Jones 8-11 R Hills 99
2 (9) CASINO CHIP T Clement 8-11 S Drowne (3) —
3 (8) GLEN PARKER H Cecil 8-11 W Ryan —
4 (2) 0650 JEMSILVERTHORN 7 J Bridger 8-11 N Adams 64
5 (3) 00 MAZCOBAR 24 P Mahin 8-11 J Reid 72
6 (5) 3 OBERON'S DART 23 J Dunlop 8-11 K Darley —
7 (7) 40 PARSIS 59 Lady Herries 8-11 D Harrison 82
8 (6) 5 PASTERNAK 5 M Prescott 8-11 G Duffield 72
9 (4) 0 STERLING FELLOW 39 R Hannon 8-11 R Perham —

7-4 Glen Parker, 3-1 Oberon's Dart, Ashjar, 9-2 Parsis, 10-1 Pasternak, 14-1 Mazcobar, 20-1 others.

4.30 ELM HANDICAP
(All-weather: £3,388: 1m 4f) (15)

1 (8) 6526 GLOBAL DANCER 22 (C,D,F,G) S Dow 4-10-0 A Daly (7) 98
2 (7) -450 TAFIA 31 J Pearce 4-9-11 G Bardwell 84
3 (4) 2133 FINLAGGAN 10 (C,D,BF,F,G) M Prescott 3-9-9 G Duffield 97
4 (9) 44-4 ANALOGUE 187 (V) M Stoute 3-9-8 J Reid 84
5 (14) 2300 EXHIBIT AIR 33 (B,CD,F,G) R Akehurst 5-9-7 D Harrison 94
6 (3) 0100 LOKI 17 (D,F,G,S) G Lewis 7-9-6 A Whelan (5) 99
7 (2) 1135 TADELLAL 37 (C,G) W G M Turner 4-9-4 D R McCabe (3) 93
8 (15) 2225 LAST CORNER 29 (D,G) R Hollinshead 3-8-12 K Darley 84
9 (1) 0600 MERIT 7 (B) P Cole 3-8-11 C Rutter 86
10 (12) 656- HIGH MELODY 457 C Brawny 3-8-0 N Carlisle 87
11 (6) D66 STUDIO THIRTY 66 (G) D Morris 3-8-0 J Tate 87
12 (5) 6305 SALVATORE GIULIANO 28 A Foster 5-7-13 B Doyle 87
13 (11) 3420 WOTTASHAMBLES 21 (C,D,F,G) L Montague Hall 4-7-11 S Davies 93
14 (10) 2100 EXCELLED 26 (F) C Drowe 6-7-9 N Adams 96
15 (13) 2063 WESTERN HORIZON 11 C Brittain 3-7-7 J Quinn 92

9-2 Finlaggan, 5-1 Global Dancer, 7-1 Western Horizon, Analogue, Tadellal, 8-1 Wottashambles, 10-1 Salvatore Giuliano, 12-1 others.

☐ Assessor, Britain's sole hope for the group one Prix Royal-Oak at Longchamp yesterday, failed to cope with the fast ground when finishing fifth behind the runaway winner, *Sunshack*. Millyant, trained by Rae Guest and ridden by Cash Asmussen, won the Prix du Petit Couvert for the second consecutive year.

FOR THE RECORD

ATHLETICS

BANGKOK: Bangkok Marathon: Men: 1, J Boonma (Thai) 2hr 28min 50sec; 2, M Chucheep (Thai) 2:29.17; 3, S Winthacha 2:35:08. Women: J Intharawichian (Thai) 3:02:37; 2, S Patchpongpai (Thai) 3:05.50; 3, P A-Noi (Thai) 3:07.43.

BIRMINGHAM: National Six-Stage Road Relay: 1, Bingley (holders) 1.45.20; 2, Salford 1 46.05; 3, Tipton 1:46.32; 4, Border 1:46 55; 5, Southampton City 1:47.04; 6, Chelmsford 1,47:23; 7, Morpeth 1:47 31; 8, Blackheath 1:47:57; 9, Swansea 1:47 57; 10, London Irish 1.48:39. Fastest laps: 1, K Cullen (Chelmsford) 16'34; 2, P Taylor (Border) 16.55; 3, S Brooks (Bingley) 17:04; 4, H Chepkwony (Bromsgrove and Redditch) 17:07; 5, L Matthews (Salford) 17:09; 6, S Bell (Chester-le-Street) 17:09.

OXFORD: Representative Cross Country Match: Men (6 miles): 1, G Tyler (Oxford University) 31:00; 2, N Altmann (Thames Hare and Hounds) 31:11; 3, D Wilson-Evans (Royal Air Force) 31.20; 4, T Artus (RAF) 31 30; 5, D Kirk (Oxford University) 31:30; 6, O Haynes (RAF) 31:51. Teams: 1, Royal Air Force 41; 2, Oxford University 57; 3, Thames Hare and Hounds 80. Women 3.25 miles: 1, H Chung (Oxford University) 19 37; 2, E Bruce (Oxford University) 21:07; 3, A Donaldson (RAF) 21.22. Teams: 1, Oxford University 15; 2, Royal Air Force 21.

BLAYDON: Durham Pine North Eastern Women's Cross Country League (3.8km): 1, S Griffiths (Cramlington) 12.48; 2, S Allen (Houghton and Peterlee) 13:31; 3, L Harding (Houghton and Peterlee) 13.42. Teams: 1, Houghton and Peterlee 15; 2, Sunderland University 42; 3, Blaydon 43. Junior women: 3.8km: A Tremble (North Shields Poly) 12:41.

WIMBLEDON: Belgrave Open Road Race (10km). Men: 1, S Nyamongo (Kenya) 29 49; 2, R Philips (Dorking and Mole Valley) 32.18; 3, G Adams (Belgrave) 32:32. Team: 1, Belgrave 18; 2, Hercules Wimbledon 27; 3, Belgrave B 62. Veteran: S Ingall (Hercules Wimbledon) 34 07. Women: H Maskrey (Belgrave) 40'41. Veteran: R Brosrer (Serpentine) 47 19.

EPSOM DOWNS: Surrey Women's Cross Country League (2.5 miles): 1, C Pauzers (Herne Hill) 16.40; 2, S Young (Dorking and Mole Valley) 17 07; 3, S Dawson (Herne Hill) 17:27. Teams: 1, Herne Hill 63; 2, Dulwich Runners 70; 3, South London Harriers 84.

UPMINSTER: Essex Cross Country League: Men (9km): 1, A Kolka (Ilford) 29.13; 2, N Wetheridge (Basildon) 30:18; 3, H Bearing (Chelmsford) 30:22. Teams: 1, Chelmsford 71; 2, Havering Mayesbrook 107; 3, Thurrock 124. Women 5km: 1, D Sullivan (Havering Mayesbrook) 18:18; 2, C Goff (Colchester and Tendring) 18.22; 3, S Bridger (Thurrock) 18:25. Teams: 1, Colchester and Tendring 35; 2, Havering Mayesbrook 38; 3, Chelmsford 48.

WIMBLEDON COMMON: East Surrey League Cross Country Relay (4x2 miles): 1, Dorking and Mole Valley 39:42; 2, Hercules Wimbledon 40:21; 3, Hercules Wimbledon B 41:31. Fastest lap: S Beardsall (Dorking and Mole Valley) 9:27.

WALLSEND: Durham Pine North Eastern Harrier Cross Country League (5.8 miles): 1, T Field (Sunderland) 27:16; 2, A White (Durham University) 27.28; 3, P Brown (Elswick) 28:09. Teams: 1, Saltwell 132; 2, South Shields 213; 3, Sunderland 249.

WINCHESTER: Lunnons Hampshire League: Men (5.5 miles): 1, B Nixon (Bournemouth) 28.54; 2, M Bliss (Overton) 29:09; 3, E Hurley (Fleet and Crookham) 29 14. Teams: 1, Bournemouth 49; 2, Aldershot, Farnham and District 104; 3, Basingstoke and Mid Hants 121. Veteran: M Fisher (Hamworthy) 30.40. Women 3 miles: 1, J Harrop (Havant) 14 15; 2, S Bradbury (Aldershot, Farnham and District) 14:17; 3, R Kingsborough (Overton) 14.26. Teams: 1, Havant 12; 2, Overton 36; 3, Stubbington Green 45.

HORSHAM: Barns Green Half-marathon: 1, P Davoren (Brighton and Hove) 1:08:18; 2, D Knight (Brighton and Hove) 1:08:54; 3, H Mountcastle (Hastings) 1:09:01. Teams: 1, Brighton and Hove 123; 2, Horsham Joggers 136; 3, Brighton and Hove B 204. Veteran: M Rouse (Invicta East Kent) 1:12:34. Women: 1, L Jones (Horsham) 1:23.36; 2, J Boulton (Crowborough) 1:23.43; 3, J Mulholland (Arena 80) 1:25.12.

HORSHAM: Southern Veterans Half-marathon Championship: Men: 1, P Toms (Brighton and Hove) 1:25:26; 2, T Edgeley (Medway) 1:16.33; 3, K Valentine (Horsham Joggers) 1:18 30. Women: 1, J Mulholland (Arena 80) 1:25:12; 2, M Statham (Holland Sports) 1:31.06.

BECKENHAM: Forbanks Road Race (10km): 1, K Newton (Brighton and Hove) 32:47; 2, P Cainan (Blackheath) 33:06; 3, C Neale (Medway) 34.19. Teams: 1, Blackheath 14; 2, Blackheath B 50. Veteran: C Golding (Philips City Striders) 36:24. Women: V Mitchell (South London Harriers) 38 53. Veteran, P Fallon (Burnham Joggers) 41 57.

LOUGHBOROUGH: Roadhoggs Open Track Walking Races: 1, M Young (Roadhoggs) 1:30:28.6; 2, C Cheeseman (Surrey WC) 1:31:20 0; 3, M Casey (Sligo, Ireland) 1.33:21 0. Teams: Leicester WC 19. Women 10km: 1, H Morgans 1 02:51 0. 20km: K Reader (Ryston) 1 56:59 7 (British record).

BEXLEY: Cambridge Harriers Winter Road Walking League: Men (10km): 1, M Easton (Surrey WC) 45.44; 2, S Monk (Loughton) 48:17; 3, C Lawton (Belgrave) 50:32. Teams: 1, Surrey WC 14; 2, Loughton 31; 3, Medway 34. Women 5km: 1, P Williams (London Irish) 24:25; 2, S Warren (Steyning) 27 04; 3, A Lewis (Aldershot, Farnham and District) 27.44. Teams: 1, Steyning 29; 2, Aldershot, Farnham and District 29; 3, Cambridge Harriers 37.

ROEHAMPTON: Inter-Club Cross Country Match (5.75 miles): 1, A Thomas (Thames Hare and Hounds) 30:15; 2, T Jones (Mitocanians) 30:16; 3, S Finch (Mitocanians) 31 53. Teams: 1, Thames Hare and Hounds 35; 2, Kingston and Polytechnic 61; 3, Blackheath 87; 4, Bank of England 91; 5, Mitocanians 113. Veteran: J Barnard (Kingston and Polytechnic) 33.21.

BADMINTON

MONACO: European Champion of Champions: Finals: Men: N Taylor (Eng) bt L Buit (Holl) 4-9, 9-2, 9-1, 9-0. Women: S Horner (Eng) bt S Schone (Ger) 9-2, 10-8, 4-9, 9-5.

BASEBALL

WORLD SERIES: Atlanta 3 Cleveland 2. Atlanta lead best-of-seven series 1-0.

BASKETBALL

LONDON ARENA: McDonald's Championship: Final: Houston (US) 126 Bologna (It) 112. Play-offs: Third place: Perth (Aus) 93 Real Madrid (Sp) 86. Fifth place: Maccabi Tel Aviv (Isr) 107 Sheffield (Eng) 89.

BUDWEISER LEAGUE: Saturday: Worthing 96 Doncaster 106. Sunday: Hemel 82 Manchester 88.

BOWLS

LIBERTY TROPHY: Group One: Lancashire 141 Durham 102; Northumberland 113 Cumbria 108. Group two: Lincolnshire 116 Derbyshire 117; Yorkshire 137 Nottinghamshire 114. Group three: Leicestershire 123 Worcestershire 113; Northamptonshire 121 Warwickshire 115. Group four: Cambridgeshire 110 Suffolk 88; Norfolk 131 Bedfordshire 99. Group five: Wiltshire 142 Oxfordshire 96; Gloucestershire 117 Herefordshire 115. Group six: Cornwall 116 Devon 99; Somerset 129 Dorset 111. Group seven: Hampshire 115 Sussex 97; Berkshire 137 Buckinghamshire 90. Group eight: Surrey 126 Kent 106; Essex 129 Middlesex 111.

SCOTLAND: CIS Insurance League: First Division: Section A: Dundee 90 Ayr 66; West Lothian 90 Nithsdale 83; Toreth 99 Irvine 84; Aberdeen 73 Cumbernauld 81. Section B: Banfield 68 Prestwick 81; Auchenleck 128 Stirling 64; East Lothian 97 Balbardie 48; Lanarkshire 95 Edinburgh 48. Second Division: Section A: Elgin 101 Dice 75; Buchan 70 Fraserburgh 96; Bon Accord 65 Stonehaven 104. Section B: Arbroath 65 Alloa 67; Perth 113 Headwell 54; East Fife 111 Forfar 57. Section C: East Kilbride 78 Blantyre 78; Tweedbank 83 Cheviotdale 74; Falkirk 110 Portobello 49. Section D: Whiteinch 95 Cowal 71; Allander 97 Fintry 53; Coatbridge 105 Clydebank 56. Section E: Loch Winnoch 63 Paisley 83; Ardrossan 79 Galleon 56.

BOXING

YORK HALL, BETHNAL GREEN: World Boxing Organisation Featherweight Championship: D Jiminez (P Rico) bt A Kotey (Ghana, holder) pts. Undercard: WBO Inter-continental light-welterweight championship: P Ryan (London, holder) bt E Jakubowski (US) rsf 3rd. Heavyweight: D Williams (London) bt V Idiens (Cannock) ko 2nd. Light-middleweight: A Jarvis (Liverpool) bt P Carr (Sidcup) rsf 3rd. Light-welterweight: D Pithie (Coventry) bt A Campbell (London) pts. Light-welterweight: M Holgate (London) bt J O'Johnson (Nottingham) pts.

IPSWICH: World Boxing Council International Super-middleweight Championship: Z Ballagou (Togo) bt D Francis (Basingstoke) rsf 10th. Pan Asian Middleweight Championship: T Kikalidze (Rus) bt N Taumata (Aus) rsf 8th. Southern Area Flyweight Championship: M Reynolds (Sudbury) bt R Beard (Dagenham) pts. Super-middleweight: D Starie (Bury St Edmonds) bt H Clay (Nigeria) pts.

JAKARTA: World Boxing Federation Welterweight Crown: S Lagola (Indo) bt W Magahen (Phil) rsf 10th.

CRICKET

One-day Internationals

Saturday

Zimbabwe v South Africa

HARARE (South Africa won toss): South Africa beat Zimbabwe by 134 runs

SOUTH AFRICA

A C Hudson run out	36
†D J Richardson c A Flower b Olonga	5
B M McMillan c A Flower b Streak	127
*W J Cronje c Campbell b P Strang	33
J N Rhodes c A Flower b Streak	25
G Kirsten not out	36
A Kuiper not out	14
Extras (b 4, lb 15, w 6, nb 2)	27
Total (5 wkts)	303

N Boje, C R Matthews, P S de Villiers and A Donald.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-7, 2-68, 3-152, 4-192, 5-284

BOWLING: Streak 10-2-54-2; Olonga 10-1-59-1; B Strang 9-0-51-0; Whittall 7-0-48-0; P Strang 10-0-51-1; G Flower 4-0-21-0.

ZIMBABWE

*†A Flower c Richardson b Matthews	2
G W Flower c Richardson b McMillan	19
A Waller run out	0
D L Houghton c Cronje b Matthews	9
A D R Campbell not out	68
G J Whittall c Richardson b McMillan	6
C Evans c Richardson b Donald	8
P A Strang c Richardson b Cronje	24
H H Streak not out	23
Extras (lb 7, w 4)	11
Total (7 wkts)	169

B Strang and H Olonga did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-11, 2-14, 3-30, 4-30, 5-44, 6-88, 7-119

BOWLING: De Villiers 10-2-34-0; Matthews 10-1-42-2; McMillan 5-0-13-2; Donald 10-2-28-1; Boje 10-1-29-0; Cronje 5-0-17-1.

Sunday

Zimbabwe v South Africa

HARARE (South Africa won toss): South Africa beat Zimbabwe by 112 runs

SOUTH AFRICA

†D J Richardson hit wicket b Streak	0
G Liebenburg c A Flower b Streak	12
P J R Steyn c A Flower b Streak	4
A Kuiper lbw b Campbell	50
G Kirsten run out	38
J N Rhodes c Houghton b Campbell	53
*W J Cronje c A Flower b Whittall	7
P Symcox c Houghton b Brandes	35
C R Matthews c A Flower b Streak	5
P S de Villiers c A Flower b Whittall	5
A A Donald not out	5
Extras (lb 7, w 14, nb 3)	23
Total	239

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-1, 2-18, 3-28, 4-87, 5-171, 6-180, 7-184, 8-203, 9-217

BOWLING: Streak 18-1-25-4; Olonga 4-0-32-0; Brain 5-1-28-0; Brandes 4.2-0-23-1; P Strang 5-0-30-0; G Flower 5-0-25-0; Whittall 10-0-47-2; Campbell 8-1-22-2.

ZIMBABWE

†*A Flower c Richardson b Matthews	2
G W Flower c Richardson b Donald	21
A Waller c Richardson b Cronje	15
D L Houghton c de Villiers b Symcox	25
A D R Campbell c Liebenberg b Cronje	5
G J Whittall run out	0
P A Strang b Matthews	15
H H Streak c Richardson b Cronje	13
D H Brain not out	12
E Brandes c Matthews b Cronje	5
H Olonga c Symcox b de Villiers	6
Extras (lb 6, w 1, nb 1)	8
Total	127

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-3, 2-35, 3-48, 4-53, 5-55, 6-82, 7-92, 8-115, 9-119

BOWLING: De Villiers 8.5-2-30-1; Matthews 8-2-19-2; Cronje 10-0-33-4; Donald 8-0-21-1; Symcox 8-1-18-1.

SHEFFIELD SHIELD: Perth: Western Australia 351 for 3 dec (M Lavender 173 not out, T Moody 57 not out) and 206 for 4 dec (M Hussey 81); New South Wales 211 for 9 dec (M Waugh 48) and 243 for 4 (M Slater 96). Match drawn. Brisbane: Queensland 361 for 8 dec (S Law 89, J Maher 86, M Hayden 64, W Seccombe 54 not out) and 246 for 6 (A Border 70 not out). Victoria 482 (D Jones 145, M Elliot 138).

CYCLING

VARESE TO BERGAMO: Tour of Lombardy: 156 miles: (Italian unless stated): 1, G Faresin 5hrs 49min 02sec; 2, D Nardello at 19sec; 3, M Bartoli same time; 4, R Sorensen (Den) at 56; 5, S Zanini at 1:02; 6, C Chiappucci; 7, F Casagrande; 8, R Pascal (Switz); 9, R Pistore; 10, F Puttini (Switz); 11, M Gianetti (Switz); 12, P Lanfranchi; 13, S Della Santa; 14, P Tonkov (Rus); 15, P Herve (Fr); 16, A O Manzano (Sp); 17, Z Jaskula (Pol) all same time. Final individual standings: 1, J Museeuw (Bel) 199 pts; 2, A Tchmil (Rus) 114; 3, M Bartoli 100; 4, G Bugno 88; 5, M Fondriest 87; 6, M Scandri (GB) 79.

TIME-TRIALS: Ron Kitching Classic (Knaresborough, N Yorkshire, 29 miles): 1, S Dangerfield (Leo RC) 1:12:45; 2, C Newton (N Wirral Velo) 1:13:31; 3, D Cook (Middridge CRT) 1:14:40. Brighton Mitre CC (25 miles): 1, D Redding (Team Clean) 53:53 (course record); 2, C Ball (VC Venta) 54:35; 3, J King (Pro Circuit) 55.09. Team: Team Clean 2:54:42. Kettering Amateur CC (10 miles): 1, G Platts (Coalville Wh) 20:39 (event record); 2, M Pyne (Leo RC) 20:49; 3, R Clements (Gloucester City CC) 21 36. Team: 45 Road Club 1:08:31. Eastern Counties CA (Boreham, Essex, 25 miles): 1, L Palmer (Witham and Dist CC) 53:22; 2, K Bexley (Tooting BC) 54.12; 3, K Allen (Whitewebbs CC) 54:17. Team: Sydenham Wh 57:55.

HILL CLIMBS: Matlock CC (Riber, 1.196km): 1, M Green (Jamor RT) 3:52.8; 2, C Roy (Mansfield RC) 4.13.2; 3, S Foster (N Notts Olympic) 4:14.3. Team: Matlock CC 13:24.7. Bristol South CC (Burrington Coombe, 2.3 miles): 1, D Axford (Team Energy) 7:21.09; 2, C Myhill (Chesterfield Coureurs) 7:24.15; 3, J Barnes (Gloucester City CC) 7:46.86. Team: Bristol South CC 25:39.12.

CYCLO-CROSS: National Trophy (Charlton, London, 16.5 miles): First round: 1, T Gould (Team Schwinn) 1hr 3min 10sec; 2, B Clarke (Raleigh) at 20sec; 3, M Guy (Ace RT) at 27. Derwentside CC (Consett, Co Durham, 12 miles): 1, J Stow (Derwentside CC) 55:36; 2, D Howard (Bike Scene) at 32sec; 3, M Robinson (Bike Scene) at 49. Newbury RC (Upper Bucklebury, Berkshire, 10 miles): 1, J Bliann (Southampton Wh) 54:17; 2, S Jones (unatt) at 1:03; 3, M Bell (Bournemouth Jubilee Wh) at 1:27. Welsh CCA (Swansea, 10 miles): 1, A Rossi (VC Phoenix) 58:00; 2, P Thomas (Rhondda Valley CC) at 2sec; 3, J Cole (Builth Wells and Dist CC) at 7.

EQUESTRIANISM

HELSINKI: Volvo World Cup: Jumping Event: 1, Vink Espectale (E van der Vleuten, Holl) clear 38.14sec; 2, Abbervail Dream (D Lampard, GB) clear 39 12; 3, Flyinge Electro (P Eriksson, Swe) clear 40.76. Standings: 1, E van der Vleuten (Holl) 33pts; 2, D Lampard (GB) 32; 3, L Philippaerts (Bel) 23.

FENCING

NORTHAMPTON: Leicester City Open Tournament: Foil: 1, H Morton (Salle Boston); 2, P Forester (Sussex House); 3, R Dudley-Smith (Salle Boston) and S Johnson (Sussex House). Women: 1, F McIntosh (Salle Paul); 2, L Strachan (Salle Paul); 3, F Cowen (Shrewsbury) and L Harris (Salle Paul).

GOLF

SAN ANTONIO: Texas Open: Third round scores (US unless stated): 203: D Waldorf 66, 66, 71. 204: J D Blake 67, 67, 70. 208: J Leonard 67, 70, 69. 208: L Rinker 70, 66, 72. 209: J Maheffey 67, 71, 71. L Roberts 64, 72, 73. 210: J Morse 70, 69, 71. J Haas 68, 68, 74. 211: K Gibson 67, 71, 73. 212: J Carter 68, 73, 71. S Gotsche 68, 72, 72. B Bryant 67, 72, 73. 213: S Gump 69, 75, 69. M Wiebe 74, 69, 70. L Mize 72, 71, 70. O Uresti 72, 70, 71. J McGovern 72, 70, 71. D Hart 69, 72, 72. M Standly 68, 71, 74. E Humenik 68, 71, 74. 219: D Feherty (GB) 71, 73, 75. 220: S Rintoul (Aus) 76, 68, 76.

LA MANGA: Spanish Women's Open: Final scores (GB and Ire unless stated): 202: R Hetherington (Aus) 68, 66, 68. 204: S Dallongeville (Fr) 66, 68, 70. 205: L Hackney 70, 65, 70. 206: A Arruti (Sp) 68, 65, 72. 207: S Gustafson (Swe) 70, 69, 68; M-L de Lorenzi (Fr) 68, 70, 69.

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Friday: Pittsburgh 2 Hartford 2 (OT); New York Rangers 3 Buffalo 1; New York Islanders 2 Montreal 0; Toronto 4 Calgary 3 (OT); Los Angeles 7 Washington 4; Philadelphia 4 Anaheim 2. Saturday: Detroit 4 Boston 2; Florida 3 Hartford 0; Montreal 4 Toronto 3; New Jersey 4 Ottawa 1; Los Angeles 3 Pittsburgh 2 (OT); Tampa Bay 3 Dallas 3 (OT); Chicago 4 St Louis 1; Edmonton 6 Vancouver 4.

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic division

	W	L	D	Pts	F	A
New Jersey	6	1	0	12	25	11
Philadelphia	5	0	1	11	24	6
Florida	5	2	0	10	27	19
NY Rangers	4	2	0	8	21	15
Washington	4	3	0	8	20	18
Tampa Bay	2	3	2	6	19	22
NY Islanders	1	4	1	3	13	24
Northeast division						
Hartford	4	1	1	9	17	14
Boston	2	3	2	6	30	30
Pittsburgh	2	2	2	6	24	21
Ottawa	2	3	0	4	15	19
Buffalo	2	4	0	4	15	18
Montreal	1	5	0	2	8	25

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central division

	W	L	D	Pts	F	A
Detroit	4	2	2	10	33	21
Chicago	4	3	1	9	28	22
Winnipeg	3	2	2	8	29	28
St Louis	3	3	1	7	19	21
Toronto	3	3	0	6	24	22
Dallas	2	3	2	6	26	28
Pacific division						
Los Angeles	4	0	3	11	31	24
Colorado	3	3	1	7	20	22
Vancouver	2	2	2	6	29	28
Edmonton	2	5	0	4	15	33
Calgary	0	4	3	3	18	28
Anaheim	1	5	0	2	14	22
San Jose	0	3	2	2	20	27

BRITISH LEAGUE: Premier division: Fife 9 Basingstoke 3; Milton Keynes 8 Humberside 1; Nottingham 6 Durham 2; Sheffield 6 Cardiff 3; Slough 7 Newcastle 6. First division: Blackburn 12 Solihull 3; Bracknell 7 Paisley 4; Dumfries 5 Guildford 2; Manchester 9 Medway 3; Murrayfield 9 Billingham 8; Swindon 7 Peterborough 9; Telford 7 Chelmsford 9.

REAL TENNIS

FONTAINEBLEAU: French Open Championship (GB unless otherwise stated): Semi-finals: R Fahey (Aus) bt N Wood 5-6, 6-1, 5-6, 6-0, 6-4. M Gooding bt C Bray 6-3, 6-1, 6-5.

ROWING

MARLOW: Sculls Open: Men: R Stanhope (Royal Chester) 18min 09sec. Senior one: M Duffy (City of Oxford) 18 46. Senior two: D Clegg (Isis) 18.14. Senior three: J. Hammond (Isis) 18.24. Junior: T Bedingfield (Marlow) 18.39. Novice: T Hudson (London) 19.01. Veteran: C Hanson (Lensbury) 19 00. Women: E Stawood (Marlow) 21min 41sec. Senior three: J Pryce (Marlow) 21.54. Novice: H Christeson (Vesta) 23.33.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Halifax World Cup

Semi-finals

England 25 Wales 10

England: Tries: Offiah 2, Betts, Clarke, Newlove. Goals: Farrell, Goulding. Dropped goal: Goulding. Wales: Try: Phillips. Goals: Davies 3. Att: 30,042.

(at Old Trafford)

New Zealand 20 Australia 30

New Zealand: Tries: Barnett, K Iro, T Iro. Goals: Ridge 4. Australia: Tries: Menzies 2, Brasher, Coyne, Fittler, Hill. Goals: A Johns 3 (aet: 20-20 after 80 min). Att: 16,608.

(at Huddersfield)

NATIONAL CONFERENCE LEAGUE: Premier division: Hemel Hempstead 20 Leigh Miners Welfare 18; Lock Lane 10 Woolston 18; Saddleworth 22 Mayfield 2.

SNOOKER

SUNDERLAND: Skoda Grand Prix: Third round: Saturday: S Hendry (Scot) bt D Morgan (Wales) 5-0; S James (Eng) bt D O'Kane (NZ) 5-1. Sunday: J Swail (N Ire) bt P Ebdon (Eng) 5-3.

SPEEDWAY

PREMIER LEAGUE: Swindon 45 Reading 51.

KING'S LYNN: Final Test: England 49 Australia 59. Australia win series 2-1.

THREE-TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP: Final Leg: Cradley Heath 37; Wolverhampton 31; Long Eaton 16. Final Scores: Cradley Heath 106; Wolverhampton 80; Long Eaton 66.

ACADEMY LEAGUE: Buxton 62 Sittingbourne 34. Knockout Cup Final: First Leg: Berwick 63 Stoke 42.

TENNIS

VIENNA: Men's Austrian CA Trophy: Final: F Dewulf (Bel) bt T Muster (Austria) 7-5, 6-2, 1-6, 7-5.

LYON: Men's Indoor Tournament: Final: W Ferreira (SA) bt P Sampras (US) 7-6, 5-7, 6-3.

HONG KONG: Men's Marlboro Championship: Final: S Edberg (Swe) bt A Gaudenzi (It) 6-3, 6-1, 7-6.

PEKING: Salem Open Tournament: Final: M Chang (US) bt R Furlan (It) 7-5, 6-3.

BRIGHTON: Women's International Tournament: Final: M J Fernandez (US) bt A Coetzer (SA) 6-4, 7-5.

WIMBLEDON: Women's Tate and Lyle Championship: Final A: L Ahl (Devon) bt M Mair (East Scotland) 5-7, 6-4, 6-2. Final B: Y Drew (Devon) bt C Tee (Surrey) 6-4, 6-2.

RUGBY UNION

A international

Wales 10 Fiji 25

Wales: Try: Penalty try. Con: Davies. Pen: Davies. Fiji: Tries: Bale 2, Ban, Masirewa. Con: Bogasi. Pen: Bogasi.

(at Bridgend)

Courage Clubs Championship

First division

Bristol 22 Gloucester 16

Bristol: Try: Hull. Con: Hull. Pens: Hull 4. Dropped goal: Thomas. Gloucester: Try: Kimber. Con: T Smith. Pens: T Smith 3.

Harlequins 13 Bath 19

Harlequins: Try: O'Leary. Con: Pears. Pen: Pears. Dropped goal: Pears. Bath: Try: Lumsden. Con: Callard. Pens: Callard 4.

Orrell 20 West Hartlepool 10

Orrell: Tries: Bibby, Healey. Cons: Mason 2. Pens: Mason 2. West Hartlepool: Try: Mitchell. Con: Simpson. Pen: Simpson.

Saracens 9 Sale 24

Saracens: Pens: Lee 2. Dropped goal: Tunningley. Sale: Tries: Ashurst, Baxendell, Savernnutio. Cons: Liley 3. Pens: Liley.

Wasps 11 Leicester 21

Wasps: Tries: Ufton. Pens: Ufton 2. Leicester: Tries: Liley, Tarbuck. Con: Liley. Pens: Liley 2. Dropped goal: Liley.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bath	7	7	0	0	212	93	14
Leicester	7	6	0	1	145	69	12
Harlequins	7	5	0	2	164	135	10
Wasps	7	4	0	3	159	119	8
Bristol	7	4	0	3	137	152	8
Sale	7	3	0	4	117	120	6
Orrell	7	3	0	4	94	131	6
Saracens	7	2	0	5	97	179	4
Gloucester	7	1	0	6	103	174	2
West Hartlepool	7	0	0	7	107	163	0

LEADING SCORERS: 104: J Callard (Bath: 2 tries, 14 conversions, 22 penalty goals). 92: J Liley (Leicester: 1t, 6c, 24pg, 1 dropped goal). 74: D Pears (Harlequins: 10c, 11pg, 7dg). 71: R Liley (Sale: 7c, 17pg, 2dg). T Simpson (West Hartlepool: 2t, 5c, 17pg). 67: R Andrew (Wasps: 5c, 16pg, 3dg). M Tanton (Bristol: 5c, 19pg). 66: S Mason (Orrell: 1t, 5c, 17pg).

Second division

Bedford 29 London Irish 46

Bedford: Tries: Alston 2, Oliver, Whetstone. Cons: Finnie 3. Pen: Finnie. London Irish: Tries: Walsh 2, Bishop, Corcoran, penalty try. Cons: Corcoran 3. Pens: Corcoran 5.

Blackheath 16 London Scottish 16

Blackheath: Try: Ticehurst. Con: Howard. Pens: Howard 2. Dropped goal: Howard. London Scottish: Try: Watson. Con: Steele. Pens: Steele 2. Dropped goal: Steele.

Newcastle 9 Northampton 52

Newcastle: Pens: Cramb 3. Northampton: Tries: Allen 3, Beddow, Dawson, Merlin, Rodber, penalty try. Cons: Grayson 6.

Nottingham 12 Waterloo 18

Nottingham: Pens: Hodgkinson 4. Waterloo: Pens: Emmett 5. Aitchison.

Wakefield 9 Moseley 11

Wakefield: Pens: Jackson 2. Dropped goal: Shuttleworth. Moseley: Tries: Bonney. Pens: Kerr 2.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Northampton	7	7	0	0	351	85	14
London Scottish	7	6	1	0	154	88	13
London Irish	7	5	0	2	245	153	10
Blackheath	7	3	1	3	145	181	7
Waterloo	7	3	1	3	107	147	7
Moseley	7	3	0	4	89	157	6
Bedford	7	2	1	4	140	228	5
Wakefield	7	2	0	5	106	135	4
Nottingham	7	1	0	6	98	186	2
Newcastle	7	1	0	6	115	209	2

LEADING SCORERS: 127: M Corcoran (London Irish: 6 tries, 17 conversions, 21 penalty goals). 87: P Grayson (Northampton: 1t, 29c, 8pg). 74: J Steele (London Scottish: 2t, 11c, 12pg, 2 dropped goals). 65: S Howard (Blackheath: 7c, 14pg, 3dg). 60: A Finnie (Bedford: 1t, 11c, 8pg, 3dg). 58: M Jackson (Wakefield: 8c, 14pg). 50: M Allen (Northampton: 10t).

Third division

Fylde	13	Coventry	18
Morley	21	Rugby	13
Richmond	46	Otley	3
Rosslyn Park	28	Reading	18
Rotherham	35	Harrogate	3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Richmond	6	6	0	0	200	75	12
Rugby	6	4	0	2	135	88	8
Coventry	6	4	0	2	114	85	8
Otley	6	3	1	2	89	123	7
Morley	6	2	1	3	109	113	5
Rosslyn Park	6	2	1	3	104	119	5
Harrogate	6	2	1	3	106	135	5
Reading	6	2	0	4	147	162	4
Rotherham	6	2	0	4	117	148	4
Fylde	6	1	0	5	85	156	2

LEADING SCORERS: 90: J Gregory (Richmond: 2 tries, 13 conversions, 18 penalty goals). 81: R Zoing (Harrogate: 2t, 7c, 18pg, 1 dropped goal). 74: J Grayshon (Morley: 1t, 9c, 16pg, 3dg). 70: J Quantrill (Rugby: 2t, 9c, 14pg). 61: C Quick (Coventry: 1t, 4c, 16pg).

Fourth division

Exeter	23	Havant	3
Leeds	40	Plymouth	8
Liverpool St H	30	Clifton	13
London Welsh	41	Aspatria	3
Walsall	49	Redruth	21

FIFTH DIVISION NORTH: Kendal 44 Nuneaton 16; Sandal 16 Preston Grasshoppers 5; Stoke 8 Birmingham 9; Stourbridge 9 Lichfield 7; Winnington Park 23 Wharfedale 31; Worcester 41 Sheffield 17.

FIFTH DIVISION SOUTH: Berry Hill 38 Askeans 18; Camborne 21 Met Police 10; Cheltenham 18 Tabard 0; High Wycombe 23 Camberley 23; Lydney 24 Barking 15; Weston-super-Mare 17 Henley 10.

LONDON: First division: Esher 5 Sutton and Epsom 6; Guildford and Godalming 21 Charlton Park 47; Old Colfeians 29 Harlow 10; Old Mid-Whitgiftians 29 Basingstoke 21; Ruislip 10 Staines 11; Southend 8 Sudbury 6.

SOUTH WEST: First division: Brixham 33 Taunton 18; Cinderford 23 Bridgwater 30; Gloucester OB 21 Salisbury 10; Matson 23 St Ives 6; Sherborne 13 Barnstaple 13; Torquay 21 Newbury 34.

MIDLANDS: First division: Camp Hill 31 Leamington 13; Leighton Buzzard 10 Broadstreet 13; Stafford 17 Barkers Butts 32; Syston 3 Mansfield 8; Whitchurch 23 Burton 14; Wolverhampton 25 Westleigh 11.

NORTH: First division: Huddersfield 13 Macclesfield 32; Manchester 23 Wigton 10; Stockton 8 Hull Ionians 22; Widnes 0 Bridlington 16; West Park Bramhope 9 Middlesbrough 19; York 12 Tynedale 28.

Heineken League

First division

Abertillery 19 Cardiff 60

Abertillery: Tries: Connors, Roberts. Pens: M Williams 2. Dropped goal: Connors. Cardiff: Tries: Ford 3, C John 2, P Booth, E Lewis, Stone, Williams. Cons: C John 6. Pens: C John.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	B	Pts	T
Cardiff	8	7	0	1	275	128	33	10	24
Pontypridd	7	6	0	1	260	120	32	10	22
Llanelli	6	5	0	1	220	68	31	11	21
Swansea	6	4	0	2	238	108	34	9	17
Bridgend	7	3	0	4	178	145	24	8	14
Neath	6	4	1	1	131	56	18	5	14
Newport	7	4	1	2	123	171	11	2	11
Newbridge	7	3	0	4	101	137	11	2	8
Aberavon	7	1	0	6	120	284	14	3	5
Ebbw Vale	7	2	0	5	114	210	10	0	4
Abertillery	8	1	0	7	99	294	8	0	2
Treorchy	6	0	0	6	91	227	8	1	1

THIRD DIVISION: Blackwood 34 Tredegar 10; Cardiff Inst 20 Builth Wells 16; Glamorgan Wndrs 11 Narberth 30; Kenfig Hill 11 Pyle 19; Mountain Ash 25 Blaina 12; Tondu 5 Penarth 22.

SWALEC CUP: Second round: Aberaeron 9 Hendy 17; Abercarn 12 Wrexham 42; Abercrave 36 Tredegar Ironsides 0; Abergavenny 37 Newtown 12; Aberystwyth 6 Chepstow 3; Allwen 13 Felinfoel 58; Ammanford 3 Cwmavon 17; Baglan 24 Cwmgors 22; Bargoed 17 Nantyffyllon 16; Bedlinog 5 Ynysddu 24; Bethesda 15 Cardigan 25; Blaenganw 16 Cwmbran 5; British Steel 12 Nelson 36; Burry Port 14 Crosskeys 36; Cardiff Quins 15 Bedwas 38; Carmarthen Ath 13 Kidwelly 32; Cilfynydd 15 Talbach 21; Cowbridge 10 Banwen 0; Cwmgwrach 45 Barry 0; Garndiffaith 74 Lampeter 11; Gorseinon 17 Tonmawr 20; Llandeilo 5 Oakdale 37; Llandudno 12 Llandaff North 26; MacHen 17 Cefn Cribbwr 25; Maesteg Celtic 57 Cardiff Medicals 11; Morriston 6 Llantwit Fardre 38; Nantyglo 5 Talywain 36; Newcastle Emlyn 8 Tylorstown 3; Newport Saracens 19 Llanelli Wndrs 14; Pembroke 26 Rhydyfelin 3; Pontarddulais 6 Resolven 36; Pontyberem 27 Llanishen 13; Porthcawl 13 Heol-Y-Cyw 25; Pwllheli 30 Monmouth 20; Rhiwbina 24 Crumlin 0; Ruthin 24 Tonyrefail 9; Seven Sisters 8 Giltach Goch 17; St Josephs 9 Pontycymmer 12; Taffs Well 14 Fleur De Lys 20; Tonna 10 Llangennech 15; Treherbert 37 Nantymoel 20; Trimsaran 31 Canton 15; Usk 27 Haverfordwest 7; Waunarlwydd 48 Llanhilleth 15; Welshpool 5 Aberdare 13; Ystrad Rhondda 30 Glyncoch 15.

Tennents Championship

First division

Boroughmuir 31 Melrose 15

Boroughmuir: Tries: Bavendge, Reed, Tukalo. Cons: Easson 2. Pens: Easson 3, Knight. Melrose: Pens: G Parker 5.

Gala 14 Edinburgh Acads 35

Gala: Try: Stoltz. Pens: Dalgleish 3. Edinburgh Acads: Tries: McVie, Simmers, Stewart, Waite, penalty try. Cons: Duncan 5.

Heriots FP 26 Hawick 23

Heriots FP: Tries: Gilmour, Glasgow. Cons: Rahu 2. Pens: Rahu 4. Hawick: Tries: Suddon, Turnbull, Welsh. Con: Welsh. Pens: Welsh 2.

Stirling County 17 Watsonians 13

Stirling County: Try: Hamilton. Pens: M McKenzie 4. Watsonians: Try: Kerr. Con: G Hastings. Pens: G Hastings 2.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Boroughmuir	9	6	1	2	194	143	13
Melrose	9	6	0	3	228	128	12
Watsonians	9	5	1	3	244	166	11
Stirling County	9	5	0	4	177	153	10
Edinburgh A	9	4	1	4	166	167	9
Hawick	9	4	0	5	166	185	8
Heriots FP	9	3	0	6	167	251	6
Gala	9	1	1	7	120	269	3

Second division

Currie	34	Glasgow H K	17
Dundee HSFP	13	Kelso	23
Jed-Forest	11	West of Scotland	7
Selkirk	26	Stewarts Mel FP	22

THIRD DIVISION: Corstorphine 10 Musselburgh 14; Glasgow Acads 33 Kirkcaldy 8; Grangemouth 11 Biggar 25; Preston Lodge 13 Peebles 12.

FOURTH DIVISION: Ayr 10 Langholm 3; Edinburgh Wndrs 11 Kilmarnock 15; Glasgow Southern 85 Wigtownshire 14; Gordonians 62 Haddington 3.

INSURANCE CORPORATION LEAGUE: First division: Ballymena 13 St Mary's College 12; Instonians 12 Young Munster 19; Lansdowne 22 Old Belvedere 14; Old Wesley 13 Garryowen 16; Shannon 19 Cork Constitution 10. Second division: Clontarf 9 Wanderers 25; Dolphin 7 Dungannon 10; NIFC 25 Sunday's Well 39; Old Crescent 35 Malone 20; Terenure Coll 16 Bective Rangers 9.

CLUB MATCHES: Ebbw Vale 64 Hirwaun 3; Llanelli 23 Cambridge Univ 20; Newbridge 43 Cross Keys 23; Oxford Univ 16 Loughborough Student 22; Pontypool 30 Newport 6; Swansea 22 Dunvant 13; Aberavon 51 Llanharan 40. Cancelled: Maesteg v Beddau.

Latin Cup

Argentina 12 France 47

Argentina: Pens: Luna 4. Tries: Saint-André 2, Carbonneau 2, Ntamack 2, Dourthe. Cons: Deylaud 3. Pens: Deylaud 2.

Italy 40 Romania 3

Italy: Tries: Checchinatto 2, Moscardi, Mazzariol, Roselli. Cons: Bonomi 3. Pens: Bonomi 3. Romania: Bezerau.



Fernandez, of the United States, plays a forehand shot on her way to beating of Coetzer, of South Africa, in two sets in the final of the international tournament at Brighton. Report: page 24. Photograph: Hugh Routledge.

MEN'S NATIONAL LEAGUE

FIRST DIVISION: Indian Gymkhana 3 Hounslow 1; East Grinstead 5 Canterbury 3; Guildford 4 Teddington 2; Hull 0 Havant 3; Old Loughtonians 2 Cannock 1; Reading 7 Barford Tigers 2; St Albans 3 Bournville 0; Stourport 0 Surbiton 2; Trojans 1 Southgate 5.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Reading	3	3	0	0	14	5	9
Old Loughtonians	3	3	0	0	10	2	9
Guildford	3	2	1	0	10	3	7
Cannock	3	2	0	1	13	3	6
Southgate	3	2	0	1	14	6	6
Surbiton	3	2	0	1	9	4	6
East Grinstead	3	2	0	1	10	8	6
Canterbury	3	2	0	1	9	8	6
Barford Tigers	3	2	0	1	8	11	6
St Albans	3	1	0	2	6	5	3
Teddington	2	1	0	1	5	6	3
Indian Gymkhana	3	1	0	2	4	8	3
Havant	3	1	0	2	4	9	3
Bournville	3	1	0	2	2	7	3
Hounslow	3	0	1	2	3	6	1
Hull	2	0	0	2	0	5	0
Trojans	3	0	0	3	1	12	0
Stourport	3	0	0	3	2	16	0

SECOND DIVISION: Richmond 1 Brooklands 2; Doncaster 4 Beeston 5; Edgbaston 0 Bluehearts 1; Gloucester City 4 Hampstead and Westminster 2; Harleston Magpies 3 Firebrands 1; Isca 2 Crostyx 1; Olton and West Warks 1 Bromley 2; Oxford University 2 Sheffield 1; Slough 0 City Of Portsmouth 1.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Beeston	3	3	0	0	14	7	9
Portsmouth	3	3	0	0	7	3	9
Brooklands	3	2	1	0	9	5	7
Bluehearts	3	2	1	0	2	0	7
Crostyx	3	2	0	1	5	2	6
Firebrands	3	2	0	1	3	3	6
Bromley	3	2	0	1	5	6	6
Gloucester City	3	1	2	0	7	5	5
Hampstead	3	1	1	1	9	9	4
Harleston M	3	1	1	1	6	8	4
Richmond	3	1	0	2	5	4	3
Edgbaston	3	1	0	2	4	5	3
Oxford Univ	2	1	0	1	3	4	3
Isca	3	1	0	2	4	6	3
Slough	2	0	0	2	2	4	0
Olton	3	0	0	3	1	4	0
Sheffield	3	0	0	3	3	8	0
Doncaster	3	0	0	3	8	14	0

NASTRO AZZURRO LEAGUE: Premier League: Ashford 3 Anchorians 3; Beckenham 3 Oxford Hawks 3; Bournemouth 1 Old Kingstonians 1; High Wycombe 1 Woking 0; Lewes 3 Chichester 2; Lions 0 Newbury 1; Maidenhead 0 Fareham 2; Old Weiscountians 3 Spencer 4; Wimbledon 4 Wokingham 1; Winchester 0 Gore Court 3. Middx/Berks/Bucks and Oxon: Amersham 4 Milton Keynes 1; Bracknell 1 Hayes 3; City Of Oxford 2 HCC 0; Eastcote 4 Hendon 2; ETESSA 0 PHC Chiswick 3; Harrow 2 Marlow 2; Headington 1 Mill Hill 1; Richings Park 0 Ramgarhia 8; Staines 11 NPL 0; Sunbury 1 OMT 0. Hampshire/Surrey: Barnes 0 Oxshott 1; Camberley 0 Old Mid Whitgiftians 3; Cheam 4 Blandford 3; Dulwich 1 Basingstoke 1; Epsom 0 Walton and Weybridge 1; London University 3 Petersfield 4; Old Edwardians 1 Southampton 2; Old Whitgiftians 4 Andover 2; Oxted 2 Old Cranleighans 3. Kent/Sussex: Belvedere 5 Marden Russets 1; Bexleyheath 1 Sevenoaks 3; Bexley Invicta 0 Old Holcombeians 1; Blackheath 3 Old Williamsonians 5; Bognor 0 Middleton 6; Brighton 1 Mid Sussex 3; Crawley 0 Horsham 3; Herne Bay 1 Old Bordenians 0; Tunbridge Wells 4 Tulse Hill 1; Worthing 0 Old Beccehamians 0.

SUNLIFE WEST LEAGUE: First division: Bath Bucs 4 Robinsons 3; Cheltenham 1 Swansea 2; Whitchurch 4 Plymouth 3; Bristol Univ 0 Exeter Univ 1; Weston-S-Mare 2 Taunton 0.

NORTH LEAGUE: First division: Ben Rhydding 2 Neston 0; Formby 3 Halifax 1; Harrogate 1 Timperley 2; Southport 0 Norton 3; Warrington 4 Sheffield Bankers 0.

ADNAMS EAST LEAGUE: Premier division A: Bedford Town 3 Redbridge and Ilford 3; Bishops Stortford 1 Cambridge Univ 1; Bury St Edmunds 2 Cambridge City 4; Chelmsford 0 Ipswich 5; Colchester 3 Peterborough Town 2. Premier division B: Brentwood 0 Ipswich and East Suffolk 1; Clacton 1 Luton Town 0; Dereham 4 Westcliff 1; Norwich City 5 Stevenage 1; Old Southendian 1 Romford 1.

OTZ LEAGUE: Premier division: Belper 4, Khalsa 1; Bloxwich 0, Nottingham 4; Bridgnorth 1, Harborne 3; John Player 1, Hampton-in-Arden 3; North Notts 1, Loughborough Student 0.

LAHORE: International tournament: Pakistan 2 South Korea 2; Pakistan 2, Germany 2. Final standings: 1, South Korea 9pts; 2, Germany 5; 3 Pakistan 4.

MADRID: Women's Internationals: Spain 0 Great Britain 3; Spain 1 Great Britain 3 (Britain win series 2-1).

WELSH LEAGUE: Newport 2 Haverfordwest 3; Penarth 0 Newtown 2; Pontypridd 0 Colwyn Bay 4; Swansea 3 Llanfair 0.

CLUB MATCHES: Dereham 3 Harleston M 5; Ealing 2 Dulwich 0; Exmouth 6 Bournemouth 0; Old Loughtonians 3 Hendon 1; Potters Bar 0 Loughtonians II 1; Redbridge 0 Winchmore Hill 0; Redbridge 0 Woking 4; St Albans 2 Bexleyheath 0; Wayfarers 3 Southampton 2; Westbornes 1 Gloucester C 1; West Witney 5 East Glos 0; Winchmore Hill 0 Woking 2.

SHEPHERDS FRIENDLY SOCIETY LEAGUE: Premier division: Sheffield Steelers 10 Timperley 15; Hulmeians 0 Heaton Mersey 11; Old Waconians 8 Mellor 9; Stockport 20 Poynton 2. First division: Sale 18 Old Waconians A 6; Heaton Mersey A 8 Moorthorpe 10; Sheffield Univ 10 Nottingham University 12; Rochdale 16 Heaton Mersey Guild 8. Second division: Ashton A 8 Hulmeians A 9; Norbury 15 Sale A 1; Poynton A 1 Stockport A 24.

MOTSPUR PARK: University triangular tournament: London University 4 Oxford University 2; Oxford 7 Cambridge 7; London 8 Cambridge 6.

RUGBY UNION

St Joseph's College festival

Group one

Colston's 6 Sedburgh 0
Bedford 8 RHS 3
Bedford 7 Sedburgh 19
Colston's 36 RHS 0
Bedford 0 Colston's 20
RHS 0 Sedburgh 16

Group two

Blundell's 0 St Joseph's 20
Abingdon 24 Lancaster 0
Abingdon 3 St Joseph's 10
Blundell's 3 Lancaster 3
Abingdon 11 Blundell's 5
Lancaster 0 St Joseph's 11

Group three

Campion 5 QEGS 12
Arnold 11 Millfield 18
Arnold 17 QEGS 12
Campion 0 Millfield 15
Arnold 29 Campion 5
Millfield 0 QEGS 12

Group four

Dollar 14 RGS Wycombe 22
Bradford 23
Felsted 8
Bradford 12 RGS Wycombe 0
Dollar 15 Felsted 15
Bradford 37 Dollar 0
Felsted 0 RGS Wycombe 13

Other matches

Brighton 18 Christ's Hospital 8
Chichester HS 12
City of London Freemens 20
Cranleigh 37 RGS Guildford 0
Durham 12 Hymer's 10
Giggleswick 29 Ripley 10
John Fisher 28 Whitgift 5
King Edward VII 30 William Hulme 10
King Edward, Camp Hill 20
RGS, Worcester 0
Nottingham 26 King's, Grantham 17
Plymouth 18 St Bredon 14
Queen Elizabeth, Barnet 24 St Albans 0
Wimbledon 33 St George's, Weybridge 5

FOOTBALL

English Schools Premier League Under-19 Trophy
Cumbria 0 Northumberland 3
North Yorkshire 1 Durham 3

English Schools Premier League Under-16 Trophy
Cumbria 0 Northumberland 5
Essex 7 Surrey 2

English Schools Full Film Trophy
Second round replays
Bolton 1 Liverpool 1
Coventry 3 Burton 2
Preston 2 Salford 1
York 1 Hambleton and Richmond 0

Centenary match
Cardiff 1 Islington 2

London Cup under-15
Essex 4 Surrey 1

Knowles Cup under-14
Essex 8 Surrey 0

Inter-county under-15
Cumbria 2 Northumberland 4

London Pear Trophy
South London 5 Waltham Forest 3

Northern Merit
Leeds 2 Huddersfield 0

Cheshire Senior Trophy under-15
Kirkby Knowsley 8 Trafford 0

Alcock Cup under-14
Kirkby Knowsley 7 Trafford 4

Everton Cup
Kirkby 1 Wirral 1

Inter-Association under-15
Luton 1 Brent 3
South Notts 2 Derby 1
Wirral 0 Bury 2

Inter-Association under-14
Sefton 6 Bolton 0
Luton 10 Brent 2
Leeds 8 Huddersfield 0

Inter-Town challenge
Blackpool 1 Barnsley 2
South Notts 2 Derby 1
Grimsby 0 Doncaster 8

Lancashire Cup
Semi-final replay
Pendle 1 Blackburn 3

West Midlands League
Warley 2 Cannock 1
Wolverhampton 1 Walsall 1
Wyre Forest 0 West Bromwich 3

Under-16
Cumbria 0 Northumberland 5

English Schools' Adidas seven-a-side tournament (Kent area at Bexley): Bexley 1 Dartford 0; Dover 0 Gravesham 2; Bexley 1 Dover 1; Dartford 0 Gravesham 0; Dover 3 Dartford 0; Bexley 1 Gravesham 0; Gravesham 0 Dartford 0. Final: Bexley 2 Dover 0.

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GUIDE TO THE WEEK'S MAIN FIXTURES

TODAY

FOOTBALL

Kick-off 7.30 unless stated
* denotes all-ticket match

Vauxhall Conference
Stevenage v Welling (7 45)

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Chelmsford v Crawley; Worcester v Merthyr

ICIS LEAGUE: Premier division: Purfleet v Worthing (7.45)

UNIBOND LEAGUE CUP: Second round: Bishop Auckland v Spennymoor; Gusley v Blyth Spartans; Hyde v Ashton United.

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Tottenham v Wimbledon (at St Albans).

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Birmingham C Res v Notts County (7 0); Everton v Liverpool (7.0); Newcastle v Blackburn (at Gateshead F C, 7 0); Wolverhampton v Bolton (at Telford United FC, 7 0). Second division: Hull v Bradford (7 0); Preston v Aston Villa (7 0)

SCHOOLS MATCH: London Cup: Buckinghamshire v Kent (at Holmer Green 11 30)

OTHER SPORT

RACING: Leicester (1 15), Lingfield Park (1 30)

SNOOKER: Skoda Grand Prix (Sunderland)

TOMORROW

FOOTBALL

COCA-COLA CUP: Third round: *Barnsley v Arsenal (7 45); Birmingham City v Tranmere Rovers (7 45); Bolton Wanderers v Leicester (7 45); Reading v Bury (7 45); Watford v Blackburn Rovers (7 45)

AUTO WINDSCREENS SHIELD: First round: Northern section: Rochdale v Darlington

VAUXHALL CONFERENCE: Runcorn v Macclesfield (7 45)

SCOTTISH COCA-COLA CUP: Semi-final: Rangers v Aberdeen (at Hampden Park, 8 0)

RUGBY LEAGUE

HALIFAX EMERGING NATIONS WORLD CUP: Final: Ireland v Cook Islands (Gigg Lane, Bury, 7.30).

RUGBY UNION

CLUB MATCHES: Ebbw Vale v Mountain Ash (7 0), Maesteg v Kenfig Hill (7.15), Oxford Univ v Wasps (7 15), Tredegar v Cross Keys (7 0)

OTHER SPORT

BASKETBALL: European Cup, Third round, first leg: Sheffield v Ostend (Bel) (8.0)

RACING: Leicester (1 15), Redcar (1 30).

SNOOKER: Skoda Grand Prix (Sunderland)

WEDNESDAY

FOOTBALL

EUROPEAN CUP: Champions' League: Group A: Aalborg v Panathinaikos (8.30).

COCA-COLA CUP: Third round: Aston Villa v Stockport (7 45). Coventry v Tottenham (7 45). Crystal Palace v Middlesbrough (7 45). *Derby v Leeds (7 45); Liverpool v Manchester City (7 45). Millwall v Sheffield Wednesday (7 45). Norwich v Bradford (7 45). Queens Park Rangers v York (7 45). Southampton v West Ham. *Stoke v Newcastle (7 45). Wolverhampton v Charlton (7.45)

SCOTTISH COCA-COLA CUP: Semi-final: Dundee v Airdrie (at McDiarmid Park, Perth, 8 0)

RUGBY UNION

CIS INSURANCE SERIES TOUR MATCH: Neath v Fiji (2 30).

OTHER SPORT

BASKETBALL: 7UP Trophy: Leicester v Doncaster (8 0), Birmingham v Leopards (7.30).

BOXING: European middleweight championship: Richie Woodhall (Telford, holder) v Zdravko Kostic (Yug) (Telford Ice Rink)

ICE HOCKEY: Olympic qualification: Great Britain v Holland (Milton Keynes)

RACING: Yarmouth (1.25), Cheltenham (1 15), Fontwell Park (1.35).

SNOOKER: Skoda Grand Prix (Sunderland)

SPEEDWAY: Premier League, Oxford v Exeter (7 45). War of the Roses: Hull v Belle Vue (7 30).

THURSDAY

BASKETBALL: Budweiser League. Derby v Hemel (8 0).

RACING: Nottingham (1.20): Sedgefield (1.10); Stratford (2 0)

SNOOKER: Skoda Grand Prix (Sunderland)

SPEEDWAY (7 30): Premier League: Ipswich v Poole. Northern Junior Championship, Middlesbrough. British Academy Knock Out Cup, Final, first leg: Stoke v Berwick.

FRIDAY

RUGBY LEAGUE

STONES CHAMPIONSHIP: London Broncos v Oldham (7 30)

OTHER SPORT

BOXING: British heavyweight championship: James Oyebola (Paddington, holder) v Scott Welch (Brighton) (Metropole Hotel, Brighton)

RACING: Newmarket (1 0), Bangor (1.20); Wetherby (1 40)

SNOOKER: Skoda Grand Prix (Sunderland).

SPEEDWAY (7 30): Premier League, Arena Essex v Oxford (8 00); Belle Vue v Bradford, Peterborough v Ipswich

SATURDAY

FOOTBALL

Kick-off at 3 0 unless stated

FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP: Aston Villa v Everton, Blackburn v Chelsea, Leeds v Coventry, Liverpool v Manchester City, Manchester Utd v Middlesbrough, Queens Park Rangers v Nottingham Forest, Sheffield Wednesday v West Ham, Wimbledon v Southampton.

ENDSLEIGH INSURANCE LEAGUE: First division: Derby v Oldham, Grimsby v Stoke; Leicester v Crystal Palace, Millwall v West Bromwich, Portsmouth v Watford, Reading v Ipswich, Southend v Huddersfield, Sunderland v Barnsley, Wolverhampton v Sheffield Utd. Second division: Blackpool v Oxford Utd, Bournemouth v Carlisle, Bradford v Burnley, Brighton v Bristol Rovers, Bristol City v Walsall, Crewe v Brentford, Notts County v Swindon, Peterborough v York, Shrewsbury v Rotherham, Stockport v Chesterfield, Wrexham v Swansea, Wycombe v Hull. Third division: Cardiff v Colchester, Darlington v Plymouth, Doncaster v Preston, Exeter v Lincoln, Fulham v Hereford, Hartlepool v Gillingham, Leyton Orient v Wigan, Mansfield v Bury, Northampton v Barnet, Rochdale v Cambridge Utd, Scarborough v Chester, Torquay v Scunthorpe.

VAUXHALL CONFERENCE: Altrincham v Dover, Bath v Gateshead, Dagenham and Red v Kidderminster, Farnborough v Halifax, Hednesford v Southport, Macclesfield v Welling, Morecambe v Bromsgrove, Runcorn v Kettering, Stalybridge v Woking, Stevenage v Northwich, Telford v Slough.

BELL'S SCOTTISH LEAGUE: Premier division: Celtic v Aberdeen, Falkirk v Hearts, Hibernian v Kilmarnock, Partick v Motherwell, Raith v Rangers. First division: Airdrie v Dundee, Clydebank v Hamilton, Dumbarton v Greenock Morton, Dundee Utd v Dunfermline, St Johnstone v St Mirren. Second division: Ayr v East Fife, Forfar v Clyde, Queen Of South v Montrose, Stirling v Berwick, Stranraer v Stenhousemuir. Third division: Albion v Alloa, Brechin v Caley This, Cowdenbeath v Queen's Park, East Stirling v Ross County, Livingston v Arbroath

RUGBY LEAGUE

HALIFAX WORLD CUP: Final: England v Australia (at Wembley, 2.50)

RUGBY UNION

Kick-off 3 0 unless stated

CIS INSURANCE SERIES TOUR MATCH: Cardiff v Fiji (2.30).

COURAGE CLUBS CHAMPIONSHIP: First division: Bath v Saracens, Gloucester v Harlequins, Leicester v Bristol, Orrell v Wasps (2 15), West Hartlepool v Sale. Second division: London Irish v Blackheath, London Scottish v Newcastle Gosforth, Moseley v Bedford, Nottingham v Wakefield, Waterloo v Northampton. Third division: Coventry v Rotherham, Harrogate v Richmond, Morley v Rosslyn Park, Otley v Rugby, Reading v Fylde. Fourth division: Aspatria v Walsall (2.30); Havant v London Welsh; Liverpool St Helens v Exeter; Plymouth v Clifton; Redruth v Leeds.

HEINEKEN NATIONAL LEAGUE: First division: Aberavon v Ebbw Vale (2.30); Bridgend v Swansea (2.30); Newbridge v Treorchy (2.30); Newport v Llanelli (2.30); Pontypridd v Neath (2.30). Second division: Caerphilly v Llanharan (2.30); Dunvant v Cross Keys (2.30); Llandovery v Abercynon (2.30); Pontypool v Bonymaen (2.30); South Wales Police v Ystradgynlais (2.30); Tenby Utd v Maesteg (2.30).

TENNENTS CHAMPIONSHIP: First division: Edinburgh Acads v Stirling County, Gala v Boroughmuir, Hawick v Melrose, Watsonians v Heriots FP. Second division: Dundee HSFP v Currie, Kelso v Selkirk, Stewarts Mel FP v Jed-Forest, West of Scotland v Glasgow H K.

OTHER SPORT

BADMINTON: Friends Provident Grand Slam (Mansfield).

BASKETBALL: Budweiser League: Manchester v Thames Valley (7.30), Hemel v Chester (7 30). 7UP Trophy: Worthing v Birmingham (8.0)

BOXING: Commonwealth light-welterweight championship: Ross Hale (Bristol, holder) v Charlie Kane (Glasgow) (Whitchurch Leisure Centre, Bristol). Commonwealth lightweight championship: Billy Schwer (Luton, holder) v Ditau Molefyane (SA). British super-middleweight championship (vacant): Joe Calzaghe (Newbridge) v Steve Wilson (Scotland) (Royal Albert Hall). European featherweight championship: Medhi Labdouni (Fr, holder) v Billy Hardy (Sunderland) (Fontenay-Sous-Bois, Paris)

ICE HOCKEY: Benson and Hedges Cup: Semi-final, first leg: Fife v Sheffield (6.30).

RACING: Newmarket (1.0); Wolverhampton (AW, 7.0); Ascot (12.55); Kelso (1.10), Warwick (1.15); Wetherby (12.50).

SNOOKER: Skoda Grand Prix (Sunderland).

SPEEDWAY (7.30): Midlands Open Championship, Cradley Heath. Farewell Challenge: Swindon v Poole. British Academy: Linlithgow v Mildenhall (2.0)

SUNDAY

FOOTBALL

FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP: Tottenham v Newcastle (4.0).

ENDSLEIGH INSURANCE LEAGUE: First division: Luton v Charlton (2.55); Norwich v Tranmere; Port Vale v Birmingham (2.55).

OTHER SPORT

BASKETBALL: Budweiser League: Doncaster v London (6.30); Sheffield v Derby (6.15). 7UP Trophy: Chester v Newcastle (5.0); Leopards v Hemel (6.0).

ICE HOCKEY: Benson And Hedges Cup: Semi-finals, first leg: Humberside v Nottingham (6.30).

SNOOKER: Skoda Grand Prix (Sunderland).

Tom Knight visits a new indoor centre and experiences the thrill of a rockface without the danger

Gripping yarns from the castle wall



The Castle, a former water pumping station in medieval style



DES JENSEN

High achiever: Tom Knight on the climbing wall — the temptation for the novice is to hug the wall for dear life and grip everything with all the strength you can muster

While I will happily run all day around Snowdonia's natural peaks, the thought of inching my way up the side of the smallest of crags would frighten me half to death. So, even to attempt to climb a vertical 40ft wall rates as a major triumph for someone who takes unusual pleasure in keeping his feet on *terra firma*.

This was the highest ascent installed so far at The Castle, London's newest indoor climbing centre, which opened to the public over the weekend.

Housed in a former water pumping station which was designed in the style of a medieval castle by the architect William Chadwell-Milne and built in 1856, the Grade II listed building has the beauty and space to provide one of the outstanding sports centres.

According to a survey carried out by Mintel, the market researchers, rock climbing is the fastest growing sport in Britain. The British weather being what it is, however, the sport has moved out of the wind and rain, and indoor climbing is growing even faster. Yet it had completely passed me by — until now.

Facilities in place represent only the start of ambitious plans by High Performance Sports, the company responsible for what will be one of the biggest indoor climbing centres in the world. In the pipeline are a gymnasium, an aerobics studio and an abseiling tower, inside the main turret.

In the past, rock climbers used indoor walls merely for practice through the winter. The early climbing walls were all short "bouldering" walls, built in sports centres and designed for climbers to practise hard technical moves a few feet above soft mats.

The latest development in indoor climbing walls in Britain is the result of a new trend in outdoor climbing started on the Continent, where, to increase safety, climbers drilled protection points into the rock to which they anchored their ropes. Sportclimbing was born and, with the element of danger reduced, rock climbing appealed to a whole new breed of enthusiast.

In Britain, where sportclimbing arrived in the early 1980s, there still exists a resistance to defacing natural rock. In some parts of the country drilling on certain crags is thought to be unethical.

There are about 700,000 people actively climbing in this country and the sport is attracting newcomers — both men and women — in droves. The British Mountaineering Council claims that demand for indoor facilities in the southeast is far outstripping supply, which is why The Castle is looking forward to instant success.

The attraction may not be obvious to the uninitiated, probably because a fear of heights or the fear of falling still prevails. Rock climbing, though, is about technique, flexibility, balance and stamina. It is also about confidence, which is why novices learn — about the sport and about themselves — by trying the easier routes first.

For reasons best known to the photographer, however, I was given an intermediate ascent to test my aptitude. Encased in a harness and supported throughout from the ground by The Castle's marketing director, David Ruthven-Stuart, I tentatively went where certainly I had never dared go before. The first holds were easy enough — all deep crevices carved out of the artificial wall. Bumps and lumps of green and yellow were easy to see and big enough to give me the start I needed.

The temptation is to hug the wall for dear life and grip everything with all the strength you can muster in your fingers in order to pull yourself up to each foothold. The secret, however, is to exploit your own flexibility and push up from the legs while using the handholds for balance.

Having said that, if it is your first time and you have forgotten completely that the rope and harness mean that, even if you lose contact with the wall, the worst that can happen is that you will merely dangle pathetically in mid-air, the survival instinct is certainly overwhelming.

Instructions from below to "take the weight on your right leg and put your left foot where your left elbow is" leave you confused. But, before you have finished screaming that you are not blessed with the gymnastic prowess of Olga Korbut — or words to that effect — you find yourself 2ft higher up the wall and your left leg is, indeed, positioned precisely where your left elbow used to be.

Suddenly, 20ft off the ground, the obvious protrusions disappeared, to be replaced by little more than pimples of imitation rock. Bouyed up by the encouragement from the ground and with a determination to finish what I'd started, I clawed my way to the top.

It had taken fewer than 15 minutes but in that time I had concentrated totally on the job in hand. Yes, there was fear and panic, but also there were great rushes of adrenalin as each seemingly impossible manoeuvre came off.

It was only when I was instructed to let go of the wall and allowed myself to be lowered gently to the ground that I also realised that I had done it all in complete safety.

It was, as they say, a short, sharp lesson, but exhilarating stuff.

SPORT FOR ALL

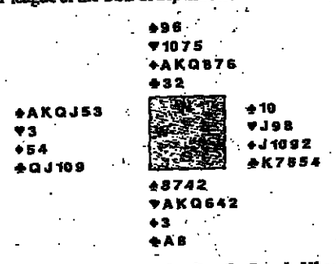
THE Castle Climbing Centre, in Green Lanes, London N4, is open from 2pm to 10pm weekdays and from 10am to 9pm at weekends. Registration costs £4 and each visit costs £4.50, with concessions for students, the unemployed and pensioners. A proper warm-up routine is essential and beginners need to be aware that, as in any sporting activity, an element of risk is involved. There are a range of training courses available, starting at £10. Details: 0181-211 7000.

There are indoor climbing walls throughout Britain. The British Mountaineering Council (0161-445 4747) has details of all these, plus information on where the lessons learnt indoors can be put to good use on real climbs outdoors. For an information pack, send £5 and a large SAE to the BMC, 177-179 Burton Road, Manchester M20 2BB.

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

BY ROBERT SHEEHAN BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

This hand was a good test of partnership trust. It was played in the premier league of the BBL in September.



Contract: Four Hearts by South. Lead: King of Spades

In the auction, West had bid spades strongly. West started with king, ace and jack of spades, ruffed with the ten of hearts and overruffed with the jack. What should East return?

It looks harmless enough to try a club, but see what happens: declarer wins the ace and draws trumps then cashes three diamonds. He makes six tricks in hearts, three in diamonds and one in clubs.

At two tables East recognised this was a possibility. If West had had the ace of clubs he would have led his lowest spade on the third round of the suit, a suit-preference signal. So both players found the winning defence of returning the jack of diamonds. This cut off South's entry to dummy before he had drawn the trumps.

At tables where West opened four Spades and South bid Five Hearts, this defence was both less critical (it was only for an extra under-trick) and easier to find — the opener was unlikely to have the ace of clubs in addition to his long strong spades.

☐ As reported in *The Times* last week, Germany won the Marlboro Venice Cup, the women's world championship. The team was Sabine Auken, Daniela von Arnim, Andrea Rauscheid, Pony Nehmert, Marianne Moegel and Karin Caesar, with Klaus Reps as non-playing captain. The two leading pairs in the world, Hamman and Wolff, and Meckstroth and Rodwell, were in the USA team that won the Marlboro Bermuda Bowl (the Open world championship). The third pair, winning their first Bermuda Bowl, was Nick Nickell and Dick Freeman. The npc of the American team was Edgar Kaplan. Nickell is a 'sponsor', who pays the other two pairs on the team to play with him in American events.

☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

KEENE on CHESS

BY RAYMOND KEENE CHESS CORRESPONDENT

First challenger

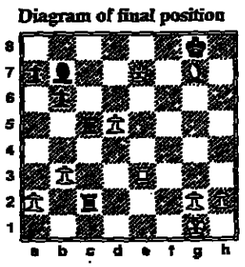
THE first official world championship match came in 1886, when Steinitz decisively defeated Zukertort. After Zukertort's brilliant tournament victory at London in 1883, both men had claimed the title. However, in the rigours of a match, Steinitz proved the more resilient. Still, the accolade of the most brilliant game played at that time belongs to Zukertort's superb queen sacrifice against Blackburne from the London competition. On move 28 Zukertort offered his queen, but Blackburne saw that by taking it he would be checkmated. The finish was equally brilliant.

White: Johannes Zukertort
Black: Joseph Blackburne
London 1883

Queen's Indian Defence

1	c4	e6
2	e3	Nf6
3	Nf3	b6
4	Be2	Bb7
5	0-0	d5
6	d4	Bd6
7	Nc3	0-0
8	b3	Nbd7
9	Bb2	Qe7
10	Nb5	Ne4
11	Nxd6	cxd6
12	Nd2	Ndf6
13	f3	Nxd2
14	Qxd2	dxc4
15	Bxc4	d5
16	Bd3	Rfc8
17	Rae1	Rc7
18	e4	Rac8
19	e5	Ne8
20	f4	g6
21	Re3	f5
22	exf6	Nxf6
23	f5	Ne4
24	Bxe4	dxe4
25	bxg6	Rc2
26	gxh7+	Kh8
27	d5+	e5
28	Ob4	R8c5
29	Rf8+	Kxh7
30	Qxe4+	Kg7
31	Bxe5+	Kxf8
32	Bg7+	Kg8
33	Qxe7	Black resigns

Diagram of final position



Times world championship book

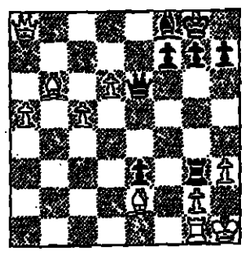
All games of the world title match are now available with commentary by Raymond Keene in a Times book, World Chess Championship: Kasparov v Anand (Batsford £9.99). Credit card orders on 01376 327901 (please quote 5/655).

London team chess

Martell Cognac have announced the launch of the Martell Chess Trophy, an event which will be open to teams from all London gentlemen's clubs. The trophy will start in January 1996 and culminate with the finals in the autumn. For further details please contact the organiser, Barry Martin on 0181 995 3516.

By Raymond Keene

This position is a variation from the game Anand - Kasparov, Intel World Championship, Game 9 1995. This game represented Anand's only success in the recently concluded world championship match. This position, which Anand easily avoided, demonstrates a last ditch try by Kasparov to save the game. Black to play.



Solution on page 41

By Philip Howard

SITHA
a. A stringed instrument
b. A conversation filler
c. The Lydian sibilant

ZAC
a. Crazy
b. Sixpence
c. An Orcadian stone-shed

URANISM
a. Homosexuality
b. A code of etiquette
c. Seasonal migration

SEHNSUCHT
a. A sweet Moselle wine
b. A semantic connotation
c. Yearning

Answers on page 41

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DATES OF DEPARTURES
Individual tours depart on Thursdays throughout 1996.
Prices from £1,885, down from £2095, includes international and domestic flights, 11 nights twinshare accommodation, transfers, sightseeing, a local escort, and breakfast.

● *The winner of Thursday's holiday to Sri Lanka was Mr Graham Pratt of Tunbridge Wells, Kent.*

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1. Which Indian civilisation used to inhabit Belize?

2. What is a jaguarundi?

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TOMORROW: WIN A HOLIDAY TO PAKISTAN

First in its field, Henley is famed for its innovative approach. **Tim Jones** introduces a report on 50 years of a great institution



A mile or so from Henley-on-Thames, the college, with its superb facilities, provides an ideal study environment

A trailblazer for Great Britain plc

Henley Management College has a special place in the annals of British higher education because it was first in its field. The trail it blazed when it was established 50 years ago has been followed and copied by scores of other institutions, but it remains comfortably in the top rank.

The college exists because of the vision and tenacity of a few dedicated people who recognised that even in the days when the sun never set on the empire, Britain did not have a divine right to pre-eminence as an industrial power.

Two men in particular, Harry Imrie Swainston and Lyndall Fownes Urwick, recognised that in a world in which companies were becoming more complex, the sheer scale of industrial growth was outstripping managerial competence. Even in the dark days of the Second World War, when victory was far from assured, the two regularly met with colleagues to plan a strategy for winning the peace.

After several setbacks, their dream was realised in October, 1945, when the Administrative Staff College came into being as a non-profit-making company. At the same time, a lease was acquired on Greenlands, which had been the imposing home of Viscount Hambleden, of the WH Smith bookstore empire.

Greenlands, where the college has its home, stands on a sweet-running stretch of the river, a mile or so from Henley-on-Thames. With its lawns, superb facilities, ultra-modern equipment and comfortable accommodation, it provides the ideal environment for study.

Within a year of its birth, Henley had established a working base which was, with frequent polishing, to become familiar to thousands of people who followed the 43 members who attended the first session. For the first time, managers from various companies were brought together in syndicates so that people from various backgrounds and industries could share, analyse, dissect and learn from their differing experiences. Henley was teaching them that though commercial secrets should be maintained, benefit could come only from understanding that best management practice could be applied to all industries for the good of Great Britain plc.

The college was thrust into the role of bringing to the nation a new management culture, of changing the attitudes and practices that had long stifled the development of industry.

As has often happened with innovators, Henley paid the price for being first when the Government decided in 1963 to establish other business schools, to be supported by generous grants. This put Henley at a serious and unfair disadvantage, because the new schools had to find only 20 per cent or less of their income from fees.

To redress the balance, Henley, in 1972, became an associated institution of Brunel University. This enabled Henley to announce its first masters' programme as part of an expanding portfolio that had transformed it from a college with a single post-experience course into an institution offering a range of managerial development opportunities and academic qualifications.



Ray Wild: making Henley a truly international college

In 1981, a prescient report by Thomas Kempner, who was then principal, had a profound effect on the college and helped to spread its expertise around the globe. The study recognised that emerging technologies such as home-video equipment could be harnessed and applied to the field of distance learning, which was then in an embryonic state.

Faith in the pioneering venture was boosted when Brunel's senate approved the use of a distance learning approach as a means to work towards a master's degree in management, one of the first initiatives of this type for a university. Since then, Henley has developed one of the world's largest and most sophisticated distance programmes. Another course enabled the MBA to be obtained by distance learning using material prepared by the college's graduate studies department and aided by packs developed by Henley Distance Learning Ltd.

As competition became more ferocious, the pressure on Henley to become more "international" increased. To an extent this was helped by the granting to the college, in 1991, of a royal charter which signalled to potential associates the status that the college had reached within the British educational establishment.

Ray Wild, the fourth and current principal, did not see the college as merely a British business school which happened to do a bit of exporting just as a manufacturer of widgets ships some products abroad. Henley, he knew, had to be truly international and it now has students in 23 countries, all closely controlled from the college.

Professor Colin Carnall, Henley's director of programmes, has tailored global MBAs to acknowledge different cultures, ethics and business practices.

Another programme of growing significance is the international doctor of business administration (DBA) course, run by Professor David Birchall, which focuses on the skills needed for senior management, consultancy work and teaching in an international environment.

The college's newest development is the Henley Learning Partnership, which has been client-led to respond to the needs of associated companies. The partnership is being created to provide an instant total development service to changes taking place in business.

How to stay one step ahead of your rivals

Surviving in business is just not good enough, says Widget Finn

The company Direct Line transformed perceptions of buying insurance, radically changed its own way of operating, jolted the marketplace and, into the bargain, became a prime example of business transformation.

Direct Line did not invent a new product but it demonstrated that insurance could be sold credibly over the phone. By being first in the field, Direct Line got a step ahead of competitors that were selling insurance by traditional methods.

The global business scene moves fast and companies constantly need to change in order to survive. But survival is not enough. A company needs to do things differently to achieve and sustain an advantage over competitors.

The business transformation programme, launched at Henley Management College this month, focuses on how to bring about radical change in the business and marketplace.

Senior decision-makers will be challenged to go back to basics and reconstruct the entire organisation by identifying the activities that their own company does best, and separating out those which can be contracted to other companies.

Over the past ten years, businesses have restructured, cut staff, re-layered and re-engineered themselves. With little left to pare down or speed up, they are asking what to do for an encore.

Rick Brown, director of the business transformation programme, argues that the next wave of competitive breakthroughs will be achieved by starting with a new perspective on business strategy.

"The new concepts are founded on the view that corporate growth and prosperity depend on identifying what it is that an organisation does best, and building on its core competencies," Mr Brown says.

"Organisations will stay ahead through innovation — but they must also change the rules of the game to wrong-foot the competition."

The competitive breakthroughs of the future, claims Mr Brown, will go to businesses which can transform themselves and their market. The business transformation programme examines the strategic behaviour of companies that are leaders in this process of change. Canon the photocopier company is a pioneer in the field. The photocopier market was dominated by large machines with the leading company holding 70 per cent of the market.

'Companies must now also wrong-foot the competition'

Canon, a specialist in smaller low-cost machines, decided to exploit its own expertise rather than challenge the big operators. Recognising that customers were more interested in the lower prices of small machines than the sophistication of larger ones, it introduced user-friendly photocopiers. Canon carried its policy of innovation through to marketing, selling products direct to the customer.

IBM illustrates what happens when an organisation lags behind. With 70 per cent of the world computer market, IBM had grown complacent and was slow to respond to change, while the smaller companies focused on where the future market would be — in personal computers.

By the time IBM reacted, the personal computer market was well established. Microsoft software and Intel chips were adopted by IBM but the two supplier companies retain ownership of their products. Who holds the whip hand now?

The business transformation programme will, Mr Brown says, be of particular interest to international companies. "Organisations must become globally competitive. While spreading their net wider geographically, they will have to focus the business activity more narrowly. No organisation can be genuinely world-class in more than a couple of areas."

Participants will form into focus groups constructed around strategic issues. These will be real-life issues faced by the participants, many of whom will be attending the course with a specific brief. One board director works in an industry where the other market leaders have cut back their branch network. His company has chosen to keep theirs.

The issue which he faces is how to convert that network into a competitive advantage which will leave the others wishing they had held on to theirs.

The main feature of the course will be the analysis of cases involving practical management decision-making. Many involve currently "live" situations, and managers who are involved in strategic change will take part in the discussion.

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Classmates across the globe

Distance learning programmes mean that students in different parts of the world can have links with each other while they study

Ian Govier and Alexander Goloviznine, two MBA students, are discussing leadership style during a coffee break. Instead of sharing a table in the cafeteria, they are sitting hundreds of miles apart, talking via their computers in the "electronic coffee room".

Mr Govier, a taxation adviser with Amersham International, lives in Northamptonshire, and Mr Goloviznine is managing director of a company based in St Petersburg. Both are studying for an MBA through Henley Management College's distance learning programme.

Information and communications technology are revolutionising management education. Six thousand business people are working on the distance learning programme in all corners of the world, linked through a network of partner institutions.

The students maintain contact with their local base and Henley through the electronic communications system Lotus Notes, a version of "workgroup computing" which enables people to work in teams even when they are geographically apart.

Henley's partners in each country range from local business schools and management training associations to training institutions. Each partner recruits locally, administers the day-to-day details of the programme and provides tutorial support.

Students work on Henley course materials, and the work is assessed by the college, which also carries out quality assurance tests on all the partnerships.

Some students attend one-week residential courses at Henley. But for far-flung students such as Jon Greig, in New Zealand, electronic communication means that he is linked into a global network of MBA students.

He can switch to a discussion about his project, call up pictures of his fellow course members, obtain details of other students working in his sector or make contact with people throughout the world who share his interest in bird-watching.

Isolation can be a problem with distance learning students, concedes Professor Colin Carnall, the director of programmes at Henley. Local support from partner institutions and a hotline to the management college help to reduce the loneliness of the long-distance learner. Lotus Notes provides a combination of worldwide classroom and a high-tech pen-pals' register.



Carnall: video links will be the next step

Henley students, who may be studying for a DBA (doctor of business administration), MBA or a diploma in management have a remote version of Lotus Notes on their personal computer. They are able to send electronic mail, search databases and take part in electronic discussions led by Henley tutors. Assignments and course work can also be submitted and marked electronically.

Lotus Notes has completely changed the way in which Henley's distance learning programmes are delivered, claims Fenella Galpin, Henley's computer communications manager.

"Course materials can be updated instantly, and many more students can be supported so that servicing costs are substantially reduced," she says. "All the day-to-day administration, such as booking workshops and ordering materials, is handled through the computer."

Apart from the practical advantages of the workgroup computer programme, its networking facilities link the students and help to keep them motivated. The pressures of combining business studies with a full-time job can be formidable. Students can contact each other and share their experiences through the User Profile section.

Okka Fraile Ordonez, who is studying for a Henley distance learning MBA, is assistant to the managing director of a consultancy in Munich. She is married and a nine-month-old daughter. She says that she has discovered that "a young baby demands its rights". She adds: "By putting information about myself in the user profile, I hope I can find other MBA students who are working mothers so that we can support and encourage each other."

Henley students help each other through the communications network in a variety of ways outside the classroom.

Recently a course member in South Africa, attempting to track down a security card company in Britain for his organisation, put a message on the electronic notices board. He was contacted by a fellow student in Reading who lived next to the security card company and could provide its address and phone number.

New technology is rapidly becoming an essential part of business life. Lotus Notes not only provides an efficient vehicle for the programme, it is also an effective way of helping people get to grips with modems, groupware and electronic communication.

For the global classroom, the next step will be video conferencing, says Professor Carnall, so that the speaker and course participants can hold discussions in locations across the world. 85 per cent of course material is still printed paper, but Professor Carnall predicts that within a decade most material will be presented in high-tech forms such as CDs or electronic transmission.

Effective management education and development take place in the world of business, not in a business school, he argues. The technology of Lotus Notes makes learning flexible and accessible to people in their place of work anywhere in the world. The global classroom has become a reality.

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When the Pentagon asked for the papers

Henley's practical research is in worldwide demand and does not just gather dust on forgotten shelves, says Desmond Dearlove

It is not every day that a business academic gets a request from the Pentagon for copies of his new book. But that is what happened recently to Professor David Birchall, head of the Henley Research Centre.

Details of the book, *Creating Tomorrow's Organisation*, co-authored with his Henley colleague, Dr Laurence Lyons, had caught the attention of the United States military as it patrolled the Internet for useful ideas. The story underlines how new methods of disseminating research can reach a wider audience.

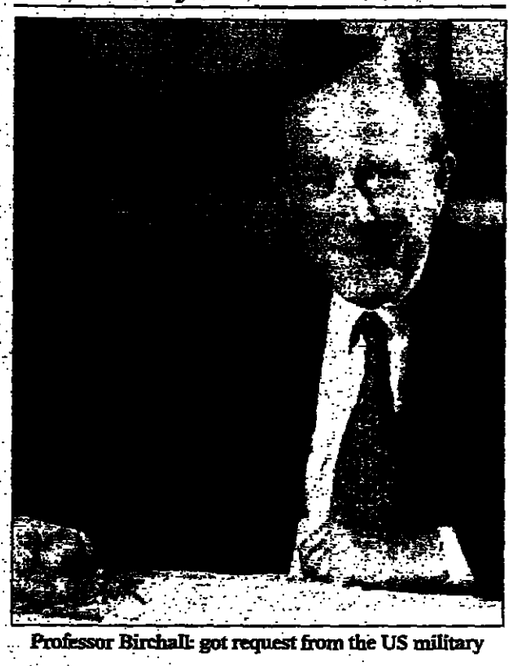
Professor Birchall says: "In the past too much research carried out at business schools has sat on shelves. We try very hard to publish our findings quickly, and to get the relevant information into the hands of people who can use it."

Since its establishment in 1945, Henley has had a strong dedication to research. That commitment is enshrined in the college's royal charter, which states that Henley's objectives are "to advance the education and learning in business and management studies — and to carry out research and publish useful results of such research".

For Professor Birchall, the word "useful" has particular resonance. "In business schools, as in other organisations, research has to support the business strategy and provide a useful output," he says. "At Henley, we do not set out to do esoteric research just because it would be interesting. The emphasis is on practical applications to support the needs of the business and those of our customers."

Established in 1991, the Henley Research Centre runs Henley's doctoral programme and acts as a focus for leading-edge research carried out with partner organisations around the Henley International Network.

By bringing together the academic faculty, researchers and practising managers in this way, Henley has created a research community capable of undertaking well-founded and practical research with an international perspective.



Professor Birchall: got request from the US military

Professor Birchall says: "Henley is fortunate in that it is the hub of a network of associate organisations across the world, giving access to managers and academics in many countries."

Its expertise in the design and execution of research, and strong project management capability, enables the research centre to offer a partnership approach with corporate clients. Where companies have a particular research need, for example, Henley works closely with them to plan the project.

As well as assignments for leading companies, such as Price Waterhouse and Coopers & Lybrand, Henley carries out research sponsored by international agencies.

In one recent project, sponsored by the Department of Employment, a team of researchers at Henley, led by Professor Keith MacMillan and Dr Victor Dulewicz, worked with the Institute of Directors to produce best-practice guidelines for company directors. The consultative document published in March was based on the most comprehensive study ever conducted into the way UK companies are run and the contribution of directors.

Another recent assignment, carried out by a team of car-industry researchers at the Henley Centre for Automotive Research (HCAR), headed by Peter Cooke, involved a project for Vauxhall. The research used focus groups and 2,000 interviews with experts to establish the expectations of the fleet market over the next four years.

Underpinning all the work at Henley is a philosophy that research should not only advance the frontiers of theoretical understanding but should have practical applications in the real world. As the Pentagon example illustrates, too, the effective dissemination of findings is a key goal.

Another important innovation involves a series of Henley forums which focus on topical business issues. The forums provide corporate members with an opportunity to discuss new ideas, learn about the latest trends and share the costs of sponsored research.

The Future Work Forum, for example, was set up in 1992 to examine the management issues involved in moving into new information technology.

Other Henley forums include knowledge based organisations, information technology in management learning, and innovation. Research in these critical areas also has direct benefits for customers.

For example, Henley has been in the vanguard of business schools working with the concept of the "electronic classroom" and has developed electronic communications systems to support distance-learning. The leading networking software package Lotus Notes also provides the platform for researchers throughout the world to work together sharing ideas, and collaborating on joint projects.

According to Professor Birchall, this practical focus helps to bridge the gap between the academic and business worlds. "Research at Henley," he says, "helps organisations to improve their long-term performance, improves the college's international teaching capacity and is an important resource for the transfer of best practice."

Courses are developed to respond to the needs of business



Workshops and project assignments run alongside the core MBA syllabus and can be designed for key clients

Tailor-made managers to order

Company MBAs are growing in popularity as more companies recognise they offer a solution to their management development needs. Sponsored by employers, company programmes give managers the opportunity to achieve the highly regarded MBA qualification, while an element of tailoring adds value to the company's investment.

Henley Management College started its first company MBA in 1986. The college now runs programmes for more than 60 organisations, making it the UK market leader. An important strength is that workshops and project assignments which run alongside the core MBA syllabus can be focused on issues relevant to sponsor firms.

Robbie Friendship, business development manager at Henley, explains: "Our company MBA programmes are more geared towards the needs of the organisation. The MBA qualification is the driving force for the individual."

Henley offers three different models of company MBAs. All are part-time and follow a modular structure using a combination of distance learning and residential workshops.

For organisations wanting to deal with specific internal issues, Henley offers a single company MBA for which all participating students are drawn from a single sponsor. For example, Standard Chartered Bank's programme grew out of a strategic decision to "internationalise" its managers so that skills, expertise and knowledge could be developed globally.

Inter-company or consortium BMAs, on the other hand, involve a group of companies — usually between three and six — from a cross-section of industries. Members are grouped in syndicates according to shared aims and values which provide a practical focus running through the study modules. Ford in Europe, for example, has operated a consortium MBA through Henley since 1993. The company has almost 50 managers on the programme, and is extending the scheme to include Ford staff in Germany.

Professor Ken Mortimer, manager of Ford's education programmes, says: "In the past, we sent high-flyers on full-time MBA courses but we found that the time away from the company and their raised expectations meant they didn't come back to Ford. In effect, we were paying for their training, but weren't getting the benefits.

"The consortium approach broadens the perspective of our managers through contact with other corporate cultures. For example, there might be five managers from Ford, five from a health authority, five from IBM and five from British Aerospace all studying together.

"We surveyed 105 MBA suppliers and I took a group of line managers from Ford to a number of business schools before we made our choice. We didn't want managers to be away from their jobs for long periods so we came down to a number of very good distance learning programmes, of which Henley's is probably the best in the UK. Henley also has some outstandingly good lecturers and offers the right blend of formal academic discipline, distance-learning and residential workshops."

A relatively recent innovation, Henley's third model of company MBA, caters for the needs of multinational companies. Mr Friendship says: "These organisations have high-flyers who are at the height of their careers and consequently very busy. Quite apart from the logistical difficulties of taking a normal MBA, their companies may want to include study in a particular market, such as Asia/Pacific. For these people, we offer our International Consortium MBA."

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Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
7,298.60	Abbey Nat	553	– 19	4.4	11.1
2,186.40	Allied Irish	328	– 2	4.6	3.5
3,880.70	Aus New Z	574	+ 5	5.0	8.5
14,068.20	Bank America	4025	+ 121		
3,862.80	Bank Scotland	360	– 1½	3.0	11.6
12,180.20	Barclays	754	– 2	3.7	10.3
2,000.70	Bk of Ireland	436		3.9	8.5
157.50	Cater Allen	483		7.5	7.3
16,866.00	Citicorp	4281½	–31½		
379.50	Close Bros	515	+	3.4	
5,190.30	Commercial	5125½	+195½	3.8	
37,100.40	Cts Yks Aqd T	1195½	+ 53½	8.5	
13,921.00	Deutsche Bk	2935½	+ 63½	2.6	
152.70	Exeter Sarip	713½	+ 16½	11.6	
36,666.70	First Bank 1	1265½	+ 66	8.4	
318.60	Gerrard Nat	448		6.3	14.5
968.10	Hambros	905	– 6	4.6	11.7
8,168.50	HSBC§	1928	+ 5	3.7	12.4
16,540.30	HSBC HK	1905	+ 37½	3.8	12.2
254.30	Irish Perm	334	– 1	3.6	7.7
72.40	Lloyds Ul	402½		5.2	4.36
32.60	King Shaxson	275	– 7	8.9	9.5
10,299.80	Lloyds	782	– 9	4.3	12.6
7,953.30	Nat Aust Bk	1067	+ 9	6.6	8.7
11,272.70	Nat West	840	+ 7	4.4	10.0
179.00	Ottoman Bank	2500		6.5	3.4
21.90	Rea Brothers	45	– 1	2.8	12.0
4,274.30	Rnl Sc Bank	529	+ 7	3.4	12.7
2,074.70	Schroders†	1324	+ 6	1.3	19.6
499.00	Schroders N V†	1125	+ 30	1.6	16.0
208.50	Singer & Fried†	108	– 1	4.4	11.0
4,859.70	Stand Chart	561	– 17	2.2	12.6
5,683.70	TSB	171	+ 1	3.2	15.6
29.00	Union	105	– 1	5.4	
7,447.60	Wells Fargo	6145½	+138	2.0	
4,837.60	Westpac	2657½	+ 5	2.2	
25.10	Yorkus	395		4.8	16.9

BREWERIES

58.90	Ascot Hldgs	217	+ 1		8.4
6,959.90	Bass	668	– 11	4.1	16.0
488.60	Beddington†	463	– 9	2.8	20.7
39.70	Fortunes Bew	197	– 3	3.5	17.7
35.60	Eldridge P A	173	– 2	3.1	20.9
1,501.30	Fosters Brewing	466		2.6	17.5
83.50	Fullr Sm 'A'	481	– 11	3.5	13.9
1,009.10	Greenalls Gp	461	– 11	3.5	13.2
271.80	Greene King	641	+ 3	3.7	17.2
56.00	Hardy Hanon	276	+ 8	4.4	12.9
3.59	Hebweiser	155		4.5	10.9
97.40	Holt Jt	2143	+ 5	2.1	16.8
211.50	Marstons	163	+ 5	2.0	17.3
272.70	Mitchells Thmp	308	+ 5	2.7	15.2
149.50	Morland	536	+ 6	2.6	16.1
7.67	Pleasurecrft	6½			4.2
92.40	Regency Rest	165	+ 1	1.8	29.0
5,939.30	SA Brewenes	2080½	+48½	1.7	
3,629.00	Scot & Newc	582	– 12	3.8	15.9
	Scot & Nwc Pfd	130			
371.20	Vaux Group	2561	– 9	4.7	14.9
239.80	Wetherspoon JDy	330	– 5	1.5	
2,973.90	Whitbread	617	– 15	4.1	16.0
358.00	Wolverhmpn O	536		3.3	13.6
105.60	Yates Bros	368	+ 3	1.4	26.9
13.29	Young 'A'	455	+ 7	4.1	30.4

BUILDING & CONSTRUCT

52.30	Abbey	135		4.9	8.6
56.80	Allen	178		3.9	12.1
119.50	Amec	59	– 1	6.5	12.1
33.20	Andrew Sykes	142½	+ 19		
129.60	Ashtead	435	– 6	2.7	14.0
33.10	Ashtenden	50		7.8	8.4
2.78	Bailey (Geo) Con	36½	– ½	2.8	8.4
16.20	Barcrofts	45			
351.70	Barratt Devel	192	– 3	4.9	
440.90	Bazeer Homes†	154	+ 1	4.7	
224.80	Bellway	1125	+ 30	1.6	11.6
7.22	Bellwinch	16		16	8.6
318.50	Berkeley Gp	411	– 5	2.4	12.8
75.10	Bird Sims	167	– 2	3.7	9.2
54.50	Bovis (Henry)	297		2.4	10.8
20.40	Brandon Hire	94	+ 4	3.0	16.6
6.38	Britannia Grp†	58		7.1	5.5
4.60	Br Bldg & Eng	41		24.4	5.7
253.30	Bryant	165	– 3	6.0	
48.70	CALA†	173		3.5	10.9
3.60	Campbell & Ann	25			19.8
6.40	Clarke T	98		9.8	18.6
38.30	Costain	74	+ 1½	8.9	8.4
45.10	Countryside	89	– 1½	8.9	8.4
43.10	Crest Nicholson	49½	– 4½	5.7	6.1
12.50	Cusenier	28		6.8	6.1
17.20	Eve Group	175		7.9	9.4
14.20	Galliford	78		7.8	
75.60	Gleeson (MJ)	156		12.8	
4.77	Grass (Emily)	62	– 1½	10.3	
70.00	Hawtlock Euro	366	+ 12	1.9	23.3
262.80	Hawtn-Swarm	137½	– 1½	2.8	13.6
51.60	Higgs & Hill	78		3.8	65.4
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9.83	Jarvis	135½	– ½		
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21.30	Morgan Sindall	77	– 1	1.5	
78.10	Morrison Cons	117		3.2	11.5
101.30	Mowlem Jn	58	– 2½	4.3	28.9
192.90	Persimmon	165	– 1	7.2	11.4
18.90	Pochins	181½			2.2
73.50	Prestiog	95	– 1	5.0	13.2
41.40	Rand Ind	23½	+ 1	10.2	4.6
5.05	Secure Retire	149	– 1	2.5	9.3
241.70	Redpath	110	– 1	3.6	
41.30	Sheriff Hldgs	368		2.1	13.5
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16.00	Wiggins	3½			
284.30	Wilson (Cr)	143	– 2	4.0	10.6
313.80	Wilson Bowden	336	– 3	3.7	12.3
378.10	Wimpey Gr	185	– 3	6.5	15.3

BUILDING MATERIALS

8.20	Abingdon	12		2.0	18.7
171.00	Aggregate'P	402	– 2	2.2	18.7
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48.20	Baggeridge Brk	98	– 5	3.9	9.4
153.80	Barcant	27½		9.1	13.4
9.88	Blacksprg	30	– 11	1.2	
2,115.50	Blue Circle†	288	– 13	5.5	13.1
22.20	Breedon PLC†	73		7.7	10.8
13.20	Br Dredgeng†	118		9.4	14.4
1,497.50	CRH†	456	– 3	2.4	15.9
2.78	Cawdwood Roy	6		3.6	
69.20	Capel	163	– 12	8.4	12.6
1,204.80	Caradon†	291	– 2	5.9	10.4
736.20	Caradon of	169	– 3½	6.3	
1.72	Chellaon Gp	28	– 1	12.5	
3.10	Ciment (ASI)	180		7.7	15.5
11.20	Dyson 'A'	82	– 1	6.1	6.8
28.40	Eclipse Blinds	65			78.2
56.80	Ebenzr	263	– 7	4.2	14.2
1.61	Edee & Dandy	18			
265.70	Graham Grp†	184	+ 1	3.7	16.1
114.90	Hanland Ld	378	+ 1	2.6	
626.70	Hepworth†	382	+ 3	6.6	13.0
5.88	Hewdon	60		9.2	7.7
11.60	Hewtt Wm	209	– 2	8.3	10.8
163.70	Ibstock†	66	– 1	3.3	10.9
33.70	Jeyntcon	315	+ 5	4.2	7.2
34.80	Lilleshall†	105	– 1	7.6	10.8
365.60	Marley	185	– 3	5.4	9.6
167.40	Marshalls	135		4.6	10.0
431.00	Meyer Int	341	+ 16	4.2	11.4
169.20	Newman Tract	132½	– 9½	6.5	11.9
146.20	Nurons	54		5.2	
5.58	Phoenix Timber	15			15.2
1,431.20	Pilkington	186	– 14	2.8	26.5
261.30	Pochgreen	266	+ 16	2.0	
2,613.50	RMC Gp†	1058	– 28	2.7	14.4
0.54	Ramco	3½			
1,252.80	Redland†	357	– 16	5.6	10.9
13.50	Ryobel	103	– 1	9.8	11.3
71.30	Rohrerpnt	146	+ 1	3.4	12.0
676.00	Rugby Cement	178	– 2	5.6	11.7
34.20	R.Sdrl (Art	104		3.1	14.2
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3.25	SWP	13			7.9
25.10	Sharpe & Fisher†	157		3.2	12.5
139.60	Spring Ram	91	– 1½	2.0	20.0
621.80	Tarmac†	183	– 3	7.7	13.5
14.30	Tarm	130		4.4	18.1
319.30	Tarmi Pentant	350	+ 2	3.6	13.0
3.27	Tudor	30		3.2	17.7
1.07	Waterhouse	43			
493.10	Wavin	159	– 3	1.5	23.9
2,051.60	Wellaway	317	– 3½	3.0	13.4

BUSINESS SERVICES

9.19	Anglo Ucs	1			
19.70	Aqi Hldg	76	– 2		
3.18	Bailey (GH)	3½			
10.20	Black Arrow	41	– 5	9.5	6.6
3.33	Br Bloodstock	81	– 1		26.1
2.62	Clard Gp	4			
3.50	Cleanso	7½	– ½	17	23.5
17.40	Cordi	151	– 1	6.8	10.3
75.50	Filtrion	256	– 1	1.3	19.0
5.31	Hickmey	30		4.3	22.1
62.50	Hunnwood	282	+ 14	2.6	17.7
92.50	Lmgh	140	– 8	7.0	14.6
23.40	Robb Gp	152		9.9	8.7
163.00	Rtwn-Mart	178		3.7	14.9
3.59	Rodime	56		7.6	6.1
2.50	Rodime	2½			
178.70	Shanks & McEwan	97	– 1	4.3	20.4
44.50	Smiths (Alfred)	294	– 3½	4.7	
1,253.70	Waste Mgt Int	134	– 6		12.7
42.50	Waste Recyg	129	– 1	1.2	28.0

CHEMICALS

595.30	Allnatt & Awl	153	– 5	4.7	16.7
709.90	Allied Colloids	134	+ 1	2.4	18.9
37.30	Amdel Ind	238		3.9	4.9
26.80	Amberley Gp	61		2.6	17.6
8,211.50	BASF Dtl	5160½	–146½	3.2	
4,170.32	BOC	967	– 49	3.6	19.0
442.70	BTP	273	+ 1	5.0	15.1
11,303.70	Bayer DM50	5160½	– 12½	3.6	
116.50	Brogden	161	– 5		
69.20	Brent Chemict	93	– 2½	4.5	24.6
513.40	Br Vita	234	– 12	4.2	14.8
67.30	Cannerg (Ch)	237	– 1½	4.1	15.3
1,567.60	Courtaulds	392	– 10	3.9	19.4
469.50	Crodal	353	– 9	3.2	15.4
30.20	Deeley	52		3.3	14.5
262.30	Ellis & Everard	266	– 2	3.9	15.6
38.20	Ems Dskor	93		2.1	25.7
18.10	Gibbon	149	– 2	3.9	15.8
155.30	Hickson	111	– 1	4.7	10.8
9,253.50	Hoechst	5158½	+287½	3.3	
194.70	Holliday Chem	186	– 10	3.4	13.3
5,858.00	ICI	868	+ 13	4.4	17.2
417.50	Inspec	359	+ 7	1.6	25.1
481.70	Kalon	136	– 2	4.5	15.5
1,834.80	Laporte	849	+ 18	3.9	17.4
26.70	Lmd	72		2.8	12.9
131.30	Mandem	330	+ 1	4.2	14.9
10.90	Mayoleat	65		4.6	17.0
20,883.10	Merckelcon	3920½	– 47½	5.1	18.0
101.40	Pimce	412	– 3	7.5	20.7
563.10	Scapa	232		3.3	18.7
19.10	Salkille Speak	36		1.6	39.7
7,931.10	Takeda Chem	9954	– 30½	1.0	12.2
58.30	Wellington Hldgs	247	– 3	3.4	18.9
76.70	Wessex Pt	1023	+ 20	2.7	17.2
141.50	Yorks Chem	309	– 4	3.5	15.1
329.60	Yule Catbrt	327	+ 2	2.8	17.3

DISTRIBUTORS

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
23.00	ABI Lee	100		5.2	11.5
23.60	Adam & Harris	550		4.0	5.5
5.84	Alexanders	14½		6.0	28.9
69.80	Applegarth	165	– 3	2.1	11.3
9.19	Asr Br Eng	3½		2.1	28.5
152.80	BSS Group	581	– 5	4.2	16.7
47.90	Bondi	34	– 1		
6.02	Bearing Power	17		7.4	8.4
1.36	Bodgt 'A'	39	+ 3	3.1	10.9
212.00	Bollinghurst	467	– 12	3.6	18.0
4.57	Brogard Gp	17		5.9	1.5
21.40	Bul Fulwgrd	39	+ ½	4.4	13.6
8.35	Cellnns	253		5.7	18.0
9.18	Clerical Mth	67	+ 2	5.1	18.2
25.30	Cook (DC)	58	– ½	3.5	8.6
398.10	Crowe	393	– 1	3.8	13.4
34.10	Dag Mdnhall	147	– 2	6.4	11.7
22.80	Delrosize Gl	518	– 5	1.9	11.4
239.30	Diploma	421	+ 1	4.2	13.8
1,968.80	Electrocomponents	319	– 3	2.3	23.3
135.00	Farnden Elec	232	– 3	2.3	19.9
61.20	Eurodollar	72	– 1	7.8	7.5
57.90	European Ms	166	– 1	5.8	9.3
134.80	Evans Halshaw	158	– 2	4.6	13.0
911.00	Farnell Elect	672	+ 22	3.6	19.4
10.20	Fin Inorme	65		6.2	10.8
1.44	Fenmark (Lnd)	31			2.1
18.50	Gill Ind	14½	– 5	6.5	
338.60	Powerscreen	382	+ 8	3.7	15.5
13.50	Prospect Inds	41½	– ½	16.3	
0.88	Rotaset Metal	65	+ 5		
31.30	Ransomes	95			
25.30	Record	69		6.7	13.4
226.00	Rotadrilled	420	+ ½	2.1	
187.50	Rexam	380	– 2	2.0	20.6
3.44	Richard (Lncs)	41		7.0	13.9
31.60	Richardson West	187	– 3	3.0	14.3
2,430.90	Rolls-Royce†	168½	+ 2	3.7	15.9
148.00	Rotork†	188	+ 2	3.7	16.1
41.90	Rubercrdg†	180	+ 1	3.7	17.3
302.00	Senior Engt	168	– 1½	4.5	33.4
33.20	Servomex†	359	– 2	2.7	22.2
17.60	Smiths Ind†	112	– 6	1.7	19.4
746.00	Spirax-Sarcol	746	+ 20	2.0	20.7
140.60	Simon Eng	89		3.9	9.3
98.20	Tex Textron	162	+ 3	1.5	16.1
824.90	TI	1309½	– 99½	3.1	12.5
1,667.60	Trafalgr Hse	569	– 6	3.8	19.5
472.90	Spirax-Sarcol	694	+ 4	3.5	19.0
79.90	Sterling Ind	203	– 2	3.7	16.4
1,998.60	TT	424		3.5	19.5
10.20	Tinsley (D)	98		7.3	13.6
88.50	TransTec	97	+ 1	1.9	
104.50	Tripler Lloyd	160½	– 6	5.5	16.0
36.50	Utd Inds'V	167½	– ½	3.6	13.5
19.20	Vensen-3	13			
247.00	Vibrac Grp	247	– 10	2.7	19.9
16.40	Vitters Gp	44			
347.80	Vosper	720	– 3	1.6	13.3
199.60	Vospers Thorny	495	– 3	2.9	12.2
257.50	Waggon Ind	268	+ 1	4.7	15.1
347.00	Ward	355		3.1	20.1
79.40	Watmoor	155	– ½	3.6	10.5
105.30	Whitmont	458	– 1	3.7	14.7
12.70	Wickes	9	– ½	3.6	14.0

DIVERSIFIED INDUSTRIALS

119.50	Ampotff	145	– 6	6.7	
398.30	Amalgamated	152	– 2	5.0	14.8
15,526.30	Bunzer Hall	852	– 17	2.8	
11,385.90	BTR†	321½	– 3½	5.4	13.9
16,433.50	BAT†	532	– 23	5.3	12.4
388.80	Berisford Int	157	– 12	7.2	11.6
1,811.40	Bodey Hl	118	+ 5	6.1	21.9
1,709.40	Brierley Inv	49	+ ½	8.1	2.7
740.40	Chartorf	855		3.7	13.8
1,962.30	Continental	288	+ 6½	3.2	18.4
1,010.50	Cookson Hldgt	348	+ 3½	2.0	16.2
10,038.80	Hanson	193½	– 7¼	7.8	10.6
1,017.20	Harrison Crafkit	152	– 2	7.4	16.1
12,887.60	Hutch Whamp	3594½	– 34½	2.2	19.2
2,043.30	Jardine Math	1264	– 16½	3.1	16.1
4.88	Jourdan (T)	26		6.1	6.9
1,265.90	Lonrho	163	– 2	3.5	32.5
90.10	McLeod Russel	151		5.1	15.2
25.90	Porter Chapman	38			14.2
52.00	Powell Duffryn	195	– 1	5.5	11.5
35.10	Pozmer	150		6.9	10.3
3,482.90	Sime Darby	161	– 2	2.9	15.1
346.80	Stanley	315	– 2	4.9	15.7
221.70	Select	206	– 2	4.4	17.3
441.60	TT Group†	276	+ 1	2.6	15.5
3,015.00	Tomkins	254	+ 3½	4.3	14.1
337.00	Tratalgar H	22	– ½	5.7	
57.40	Unidare	295		6.4	
99.30	Hunter Stevens	382	+ 3	9.8	19.3
526.50	Wagstaff	272	– 2	2.1	13.3
76.80	Whitecroft	175	– 12	3.0	14.0
1,803.60	Williams Hldg	311	– 16	5.5	14.5

ELECTRICITY

1,731.60	East Midlands	885	– 9	4.1	12.0
2,425.00	Eastern Gp	974		3.6	13.9
1,861.90	London Elect	1027½	+ 24½	3.9	12.4
1,058.50	Manweb	1026	+ 12	3.9	13.0
1,855.70	Midlands	1026	+ 6	3.9	13.0
5,814.20	Midlnd Pwr	489	– 3	3.9	10.9
6,461.30	Nth Power P/P	598	+ 5	3.6	10.8
854.60	Northern Elec	865	+ 17	4.6	8.1
642.10	Nthn Ireland	499	– 2	4.4	11.1
1,788.70	Norweb	1132	– 3	3.1	11.9
4,129.40	PowerGen	566	+ 22	3.3	11.8
1,454.70	PowerGen (P/P)	556	+ 20	3.2	12.6
1,348.90	Hydro-Elect	949	+ 5	5.0	10.1
2,487.70	Scottish Power	577	+ 13	4.8	11.0
1,249.10	Seebourd	599	+ 15	3.6	10.9
852.80	Sth Wales	920	– 3	4.2	9.6
998.90	Sth Western	900		4.0	10.6
1,530.70	Southern Elec	964	– 1	4.6	10.7
1,667.80	Yorkshire Elec	985	– 4	4.2	11.3

ELECTRONIC & ELECT

92.00	Acal	477	– 3	1.9	19.1
133.00	Alcan Comp	148	+ 36		
95.50	Admiral	788	+ 20	1.3	20.4
123.20	Alltary	361	+ 13	2.5	17.8
330.60	Aristmatt	394	+ 13½	3.3	
25.80	Arlen	36		2.1	12.5
367.10	Arlect	377	+ 7	1.4	18.2
102.50	Arlec	468	+ 5	0.8	37.5
991.50	ARCH	1290	+ 15	1.5	16.5
34.70	Bates Hunter	54	+ 1	5.5	12.5
159.60	Bick	520		3.8	16.7
814.50	Bloathorpe†	432	– 7	3.8	19.2
5.30	Burgin (AF) 'A'	39½	– ½	5.1	8.8
21.50	Chil. Micro	118		6.5	9.1
7.90	Channel Hldgs	12		7.4	6.3
57.60	Chloride	334		1.6	62.3
72.90	Clayhithe	398	– 3	5.9	17.4
22.00	Cognitronic	208		4.8	27.1
112.60	Cray Elect	427½	– 3	3.5	6.6
91.90	Crutchley	647	+ 3	1.8	22.7
1,178.10	Data Sc Sys	585	+ 35	0.4	37.1
617.20	Dalkey	413	– 2	4.8	14.2
125.80	Domino	471		2.1	15.5
95.60	Downing Mstct	64	– ½	5.4	17.0
140.50	Druck	2195	– 30	0.7	28.6
2,037.90	Electrolex 'B'	2859½	– 28½	4.1	4.6
39.10	Emess	31		0.4	
12,330.80	Enterprise 'B'	1409½	+ 19½	0.3	32.8
45.30	Eurocopy	93		2.6	18.6
496.60	Eurotherm	554	+ 24	1.5	25.1
416.40	Farely Cmpnt	509	– 2	1.9	21.4
180.10	Filtronic Comt	429	– 1	0.5	32.6
71.40	Fomerit Gp	533	– 3	1.4	39.6
30.00	Forward Tech	97		3.6	12.0
6,987.80	GEC	3234½	+ 13	4.4	15.5
101.50	Gooding	158	+ 4	5.2	14.4
32.50	Ind Computr	85		5.3	13.8
9.60	Imtec	21½	– 1	4.4	27.3
111.50	Kenwood App	243	– 1	5.1	10.9
9.40	Kode	99	– 10		
3.33	LPA Ind	57		5.7	36.3
48.50	MTL Instr	138	– 4	2.2	45.5
138.70	Marwen Se	282	– 6	2.5	18.6
38.30	Microwtec	52	+ 9½	1.9	17.4
369.90	Mitel	349	– 8		
255.80	Oxford Inst	457	– 1	1.6	19.2
128.00	Polar Systems	171	– 16	2.1	
153.20	Psion	111		3.9	17.8
9,446.00	Pilkins Lon re	2790½	–109½	1.8	11.0
24.20	Pilkn	27½		3.6	12.8
14.60	Pilkn A Vtg	31		3.6	12.8
6.96	Prismtect	145	– 3	3.9	11.6
54.50	Prestck	148		2.4	33.3
18.70	Prestwich	46			
135.50	Psion	329	+ 7	0.8	34.9
5.60	Quadrant Gp	9		5.6	7.1
219.40	Racal Elect	256	– 2	2.4	19.7
13.40	Racalmec	73	– 2	3.6	17.1
91.10	Rainford	382	+ 5		21.5
154.60	Redstone†	179		2.4	13.2
54.90	Scantronic	16			
34.80	Silverstone	54		2.5	14.3
3.90	Spectravest	29	+ 3	3.8	11.2
52.50	Stern	211		2.4	23.9
1.50	TDS Comuns	2½		27.3	
4,524.00	TDK	3440½	+187½	0.3	
17.40	Tadpole Tech	66	– 2		
124.70	Telemetrix	136	– 4	1.7	19.2
31.50	Telnet Sys	61	– 1½	2.4	17.1
2,917.10	Thorn EMI	1582	+ 11	4.1	17.7
58.20	Tetron	53		3.3	17.1
137.50	Trend Control	190	– 1	2.1	17.7
89.50	Shorebright	133		3.0	12.7
17.50	Triscan	24			24.6
10.30	Tomkinsons	106		9.4	9.9
5.95	Victoria Carpet	68		1.5	13.6
100.30	Volex Group†	186	– 1	5.3	16.2
418.20	Wilard Wdgwd†	189	– 2	1.7	19.8
3.50	Wood Alchan	170		3.0	13.8

ENGINEERING

47.90	ABB	328		1.7	
272.30	APV	1928		4.2	
464.10	ASHY	1687	– 3	4.0	9.5
1.70	Aero Inertiae	2			
79.60	Alvis	142	– 13	11	
61.40	Ash & Lacy†	166		4.5	11.5
4,202.90	Cmr Uniserf	693	+ 39	5.4	10.1
43.40	Delcon	96		3.1	
92.50	Dobt & Gent	133	– 3	5.2	7.6
75.60	FBD IE	101		5.9	12.9
48.00	Fenchurch Gp	125½			
31.20	Fenchurch Under	104	+ 2

TODAY

Interims: Davenport Knitwear, Delyn Group, Dunyat Investment Trust, Dunloe House, Fairbriar, Kleinwort Endowment, Ross Group. **Finals:** Edinburgh Dragon Trust, Fleming Income & Capital, Kleinwort Second, MY Holdings, Royal Bank of Canada.
Economic statistics: Gross domestic product — preliminary estimate (Q3).

TOMORROW

Interims: Boxmore International, Edinburgh Investment Trust, H F Joel, London Securities, Ocean Wilson Holdings, Randfontein Estates, Silk Industries, Venturi Investment Trust, Yorkdyde. **Finals:** Abtrust High Income Trust, London & St Lawrence, McKechnie, Scottish Metro, Wolseley.
Economic statistics: Monthly digest of statistics (October); Confederation of British Industry industrial trends survey (October).

WEDNESDAY

Interims: Anglo St James, Clubpartners, Exmoor Dual Investment Trust, New Throgmorton Trust (1983), Pentex Oil, Shiloh, SmithKline Beecham (Q3), WPP Group (Q3). **Finals:** Smiths Industries, Udo Holdings.
Economic statistics: Gilt auction: £3 billion Treasury 8 per cent 2015; bricks and cement production and deliveries (Q3); mortgage possession actions and orders (Q3).

THURSDAY

Interims: British & American Film, Danka Business (Q2), ICI (Q3), Kleinwort Emerging, NEC Corporation, Plantation & General Investments, Toshiba Corporation, Westbury. **Finals:** Eurovein, Scottish Oriental Smaller, Majedie, Pressac Holdings, Schroder Income Growth, Morgan Grenfell Equity, Overseas Investment Trust.
Economic statistics: New earnings survey (1995) part C: analyses by industry, new vehicle registrations (September); energy trends (August).

FRIDAY

Interims: Expamet International, Midland & Scottish Resources, Seafield. **Finals:** Murray Enterprise.
Economic statistics: Major British banking groups' mortgage lending (September); digest of agricultural census statistics for UK (1994).

COMPANIES PHILIP PANGALOS



ICI profit barometer set fair

ICI: The chemicals giant, chaired by Sir Ronald Hampel, is one of the biggest companies due to report in another quiet week. ICI's third-quarter figures, due on Thursday, will be watched closely by the market as the company is still seen by many as a good barometer of Britain's industrial health.

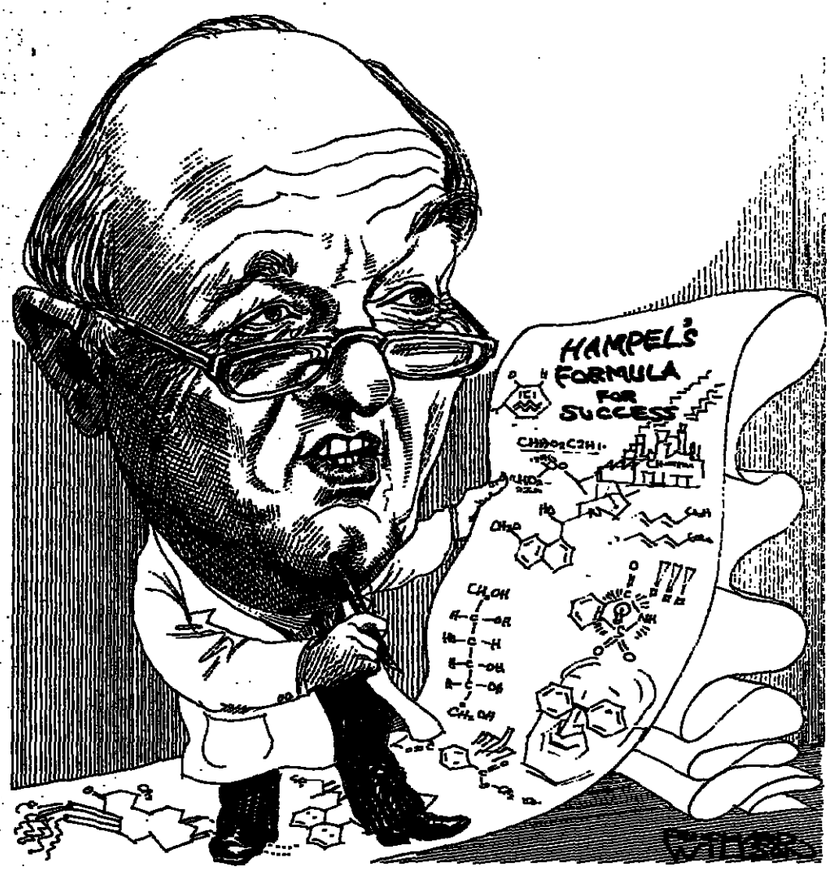
Bulk chemicals prices are substantially higher than last year, although analysts expect to hear comments about some easing in the fourth quarter. Industrial chemicals should be the star performer, while materials should also make a solid contribution to earnings growth. Paints are likely to be affected by weak consumer demand and raw material problems, while explosives will be held back by rationalisation in South Africa.

Philip Morrish at Merrill Lynch expects pre-provision third-quarter pre-tax profits to advance to £235 million (£143 million), giving a nine-month total of £768 million (£383 million). Market forecasts for the quarter range from £210 million to £255 million.

SMITHS INDUSTRIES: Organic growth and acquisitions are expected to help the aerospace to medical systems group post a strong set of full-year results when it reports on Wednesday.

After a solid first-half performance, Sandy Morris at NatWest Securities has pencilled in final pre-tax profits of £137 million (£117.2 million), with a dividend of 14.25p (13p) predicted. Market forecasts range from £135 million to £139 million.

Mr Morris expects aerospace to remain relatively flat, with some concerns remaining that the current industrial action at Boeing may result in some delays for Smiths. The main growth will come from medical systems, which has been a consistent performer, although the division should also benefit from a good performance from the Deltec acquisition, which is thought to be exceeding expectations. The industrial division should benefit from recovery in America and from acquisitions.



Sir Ronald Hampel is expected to announce much stronger third-quarter profits at ICI

MCKECHNIE: A combination of recovery and benefits from acquisitions should allow the plastics and metal components group to reveal sharply higher annual profits when it reports tomorrow.

Tim Bennett at Albert E Sharp is looking for final pre-tax profits of £46 million (£32.7 million). A dividend of 16p (14.8p) is expected.

Analysts await news over the group's exposure to housing in Australia and New Zealand, where there is some concern about a slowdown, while the UK housing-related home improvement and do-it-youself sectors remain competitive. Car production has remained firm, although there is concern it may weaken during the next few months.

WOLSELEY: The building materials group is expected to stand out in a downtrodden building supplies industry and is forecast to unveil a healthy advance in full-year profits tomorrow.

Wolseley, which is the world's leading distributor of heating and plumbing products, is expected to report a jump in final pre-tax profits to £245 million (£202.3 million), according to BZW, with a dividend of 10.5p (8.4p) predicted. Market forecasts range from £245 million to £253 million.

Trading remains tough in Britain and France, but Wolseley has heavy business interests in the US and should have benefited from recovery there.

SMITHKLINE BEECHAM: The Anglo-American drugs giant is due to receive a boost from the launch of its key Tagamet product, which combats acid, in non-prescription form in America. SKB launched Tagamet in August and early indications are that it has taken around a fifth of the antacid market in over-the-counter sales.

UBS expects third-quarter pre-tax profits, due on Wednesday, to advance to £305 million (£285 million). However, an adverse tax rate may lead to a small drop in earnings per share. Market forecasts range from £305 million to £320 million. A dividend of 3.2p (3p) is expected.

MY HOLDINGS: Today's full-year profits from the paperboard and plastics packaging group should provide evidence that the company has had its fortunes boosted by its exposure to the fast-growing pharmaceuticals packaging sector.

MY, which supplies the pharmaceutical industry with folding cartons, labels and leaflets, is expected to lift final pre-tax profits to £8.7 million (£4.5 million), according to Albert E Sharp. News is awaited on progress from last year's £22 million acquisition of PropharmaPak, a manufacturer of cartons for the drug industry.

UDO HOLDINGS: The supplier of drawing office equipment and reprographic services is expected to turn in a solid performance when it reports full-year results on Wednesday.

NatWest Securities forecasts final pre-tax profits of £6.1 million (£4.8 million), with a dividend of 9p (8p) predicted. NatWest expects the results to reflect the continuing switch in strategic focus towards the reprographic market, the first full six-month contribution from the LDO and Geoprint acquisitions and further benefits from the company's cost reduction programme. The full-year net margin is expected to improve to about 10.2 per cent, compared with 9 per cent at the interim stage and 8.7 per cent last year. The group is likely to have finished the year with about £14.5 million of net cash.

ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

GDP points way for rates

Britain's third-quarter gross domestic product figures, which open the week's indicators today, will be the focus of attention as a guide to interest-rate moves before the Budget.

Kenneth Clarke, Chancellor, has declared GDP data a key determinant for his interest-rate decisions. The evidence of slowdown in economic activity the City expects, with growth of 0.5 per cent in the quarter, may add to the case for a rate cut.

The preliminary GDP figures are forecast to show annual growth at 2.3 per cent, but the CBI's industrial trends survey on Tuesday is expected to reveal continued deceleration in manufacturing activity across Britain.

Advance third-quarter GDP figures will be the main focus of market attention across the Atlantic too. The US figures, out on Friday, are expected to show the economy gaining pace to annualised growth of about 3 per cent, up from 1.3 per cent in the second quarter. This should dispel any lingering fears of America suffering a hard landing and encourage the Federal Reserve to hold interest rates.

On Wednesday, the Bank of England will conduct its monthly gilt auction against a background of slowing economic activity. The £3 billion 8 per cent 2015 gilt auction is expected to trigger stronger demand than last month's, which was the first not to be fully covered.

The stock should attract significant interest from the life assurance industry and pension funds, analysts say. With the public sector borrowing requirement growing above target, further disappointment over the government funding programme would cause concern.

Germany's low inflation should be confirmed this week, but the policy-making council of the French central bank is unlikely to lower interest rates on Thursday, given the franc's bout of weakness last week.

COLIN NARBROUGH

SUNDAY TIPS

The Sunday Times: **Buy** First Leisure, Caradon. **Hold** Northumbrian Water, Westbury. *The Sunday Telegraph*: **Buy** Old English Pub Company, HTV, Creos International, Tomkins. *The Observer*: **Hold** Stakis, Rentokil, Farnell. **Sell** John Mowlem. *Independent on Sunday*: **Buy** DFS, OmniMedia, Premier Oil. **Hold** Smiths Industries. *The Mail on Sunday*: **Buy** Widney, Bluebird Toys, SIG. **Sell** BPB.

Chancery Division — Law Report — October 23 1995

Knowledge of trust required

Brinks Ltd v Abu-Saleh and Others (No 3)
Before Mr Justice Rimer
[Judgment October 10]

In order for a person to be liable in equity as an accessory to a breach of trust it was necessary for him to have given the relevant assistance in the knowledge of the existence of the trust or, at least, of the facts which gave rise to the trust.

Mr Justice Rimer so stated in a reserved judgment in the Chancery Division, dismissing a claim brought by Brinks Ltd, formerly Brink's Mat Ltd, against Ann Elizabeth Elcombe, the thirteenth of 57 defendants in nine consolidated actions.

Mr Michael Tugendhat, QC, Mr Richard Parkes, Mr Richard Spearman and Mr David Parsons for Brinks; Mr Timothy Sisley and Mrs Aviva le Prevost for Mrs Elcombe.

MR JUSTICE RIMER said that Brinks had suffered a bullion robbery in which gold and other valuables worth some £26 million were stolen from its warehouse at Heathrow on November 26, 1983. It brought civil proceedings against 57 defendants who had allegedly been involved in the robbery, and subsequent laundering operations, to recover the proceeds.

During the robbery, Anthony Black who was employed by Brinks as a security guard, had betrayed his employers by providing a key to and internal photographs of the warehouse and generally participated in the planning and execution of the robbery.

Brinks' case against Mrs Elcombe was that between August 1984 and February 1985 she assisted her husband, the twelfth defendant, in the part he played in laundering part of the proceeds of the stolen gold by carrying approximately £3 million in cash for Mr Parry, one of the convicted robbers, from England to Zurich by car. Mr Elcombe's reward for doing that was £30,000 plus expenses.

Brinks' claim against Mrs Elcombe was, inter alia, that as the gold was stolen from it with the assistance of a dishonest fiduciary, Mr Black, it had an equity to trace into the proceeds which were in the nature of trust moneys; that Mrs Elcombe knew that the money her husband was carrying represented proceeds of the stolen gold; that even if she did not that she at least believed that he was engaged in a dishonest transaction intended to defeat the claims of the Inland Revenue or of companies in which Mr Parry was interested; and that in those circumstances she was liable to account to Brinks in equity because of a dishonest assistance in a breach of trust.

His Lordship considered the evidence and concluded that Mrs Elcombe knew that the purpose of the six trips her husband had made had been to courier money to Zurich at Mr Parry's request. He also found that all the money was proceeds of gold stolen from Brinks and that Mr Parry knew it was.

However, insufficient evidence to the contrary obliged his Lordship to accept that Mr Elcombe believed the money to be derived from Mr Parry's business empire and was the subject of a tax evasion exercise. His Lordship found that Mrs Elcombe also believed that to be the source of the money.

Mr Tugendhat submitted that as a result of *Royal Brunei Airlines v Philip Tan Kok Ming* ([1995] 3 WLR 64) in the Privy Council, in order to fix Mrs Elcombe with liability in equity as an accessory, all he needed to do was to prove (i) that she had rendered assistance in what, objectively assessed, was a dishonest transaction and (ii) that the transaction involved a breach of trust.

The assistance he alleged she provided was to cloak what she knew to be an illegal operation with the apparent innocence of a family holiday or an antique buying trip; to provide an important element of cover intended to deter the suspicious from regarding the various journeys as other than commonplace and honest.

Mr Sisley disputed that Mrs Elcombe had provided any relevant assistance in furtherance of Mr Black's breach of trust on the basis of *Baden and Others v Société Générale pour Favouriser le Développement du Commerce et de l'Industrie en France SA* ([1993] 1 WLR 509).

His Lordship held that the only conclusion which he could properly draw from the evidence was that Mrs Elcombe went on the trips in the capacity of Mr Elcombe's wife. While not wishing to minimise the benefit to a husband of being able to enjoy the company of his wife, he did not regard her presence on such trips as constituting relevant "assistance" in furtherance of the breach of trust.

Having come to that conclusion it was not strictly necessary to decide the issue as to whether or not it was sufficient to fix Mrs Elcombe with liability as an accessory to the breach of trust merely to prove that she had provided her assistance to the furtherance of a dishonest transaction, regardless of whether she knew that it involved a breach of trust or whether she also had to have had knowledge of the trust which was being breached.

His Lordship considered *Royal Brunei Airlines*, in particular p76E, and said that he did not consider that the Privy Council intended to suggest that an accessory could be made accountable to the beneficiaries as a constructive trustee regardless of whether he had any knowledge of the existence of the trust.

In *Royal Brunei Airlines* the claim was one against the director of the trustee company which had committed the breach, and he had conceded that there had been a breach of trust in which he had assisted with actual knowledge. Thus that case was one where the accessory did have the relevant knowledge.

Further, in the analysis of the basis on which accessories had in the past been held liable for assisting in breaches of trust, the judgment made it clear (at p71D-G) that the law had never gone so far as to give a beneficiary a remedy against an accessory who dealt with a trustee in ignorance that he was a trustee, or who knew that he was a trustee but had no reason to know or suspect that the transaction in which he was assisting was a breach of trust. The judgment made no suggestion that in that respect the earlier authorities were wrong.

In his Lordship's view, the judgment proceeded on the basis that a claim based on accessory liability could only be brought against someone who knew of the existence of the trust, or at least of the facts giving rise to the trust; and all that the judgment was directed at clarifying was what further was also needed to be shown in order to make the accessory liable.

The only further ingredient was dishonesty on the part of the accessory, and that was a sufficient ingredient. It was unnecessary that there should also be any dishonesty of the part of the trustee. In his Lordship's view that was all the judgment said at p76E.

But as his Lordship had already held that Mrs Elcombe's accompanying her husband was not sufficient to constitute assistance in the breach of trust, Brinks' claim against her would be dismissed.

Solicitors: Shaw & Croft; Goldkorn Davies Mathias.

No power to review order

Regina v Chester Crown Court, Ex parte Cheshire County Council and Others

The Divisional Court had no jurisdiction to grant judicial review of an order made by a crown court judge that social services files on prosecution witnesses be seen by all legal representatives to assist the court, in the absence of an amicus curiae, by allowing them to reach agreement on which documents should be disclosed, or enabling sensible argument where there was no consensus, since the crown court was exercising its jurisdiction relating to a trial on indictment within section 29(3) of the Supreme Court Act 1981.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court (Lord Justice Rose and Mr Justice Wright) so held on October 6 when refusing an application for judicial review.

LORD JUSTICE ROSE said that it was not correct that in enacting section 29(3) Parliament did not intend to exclude the supervisory jurisdiction of the Divisional Court in circumstances in which the crown court acted outside its jurisdiction, especially where there was no other remedy to ensure, the crown court acted within its jurisdiction.

The words of the section expressly excluded from the jurisdiction of the Divisional Court the crown court's jurisdiction in matters relating to trial on indictment. The section did not say "the way in which jurisdiction is exercised" or a formula of similar effect.

If Parliament intended that a crown court, purporting to exercise jurisdiction it did not have, be subject to judicial review, one would have expected Parliament to say so.

Confusing names

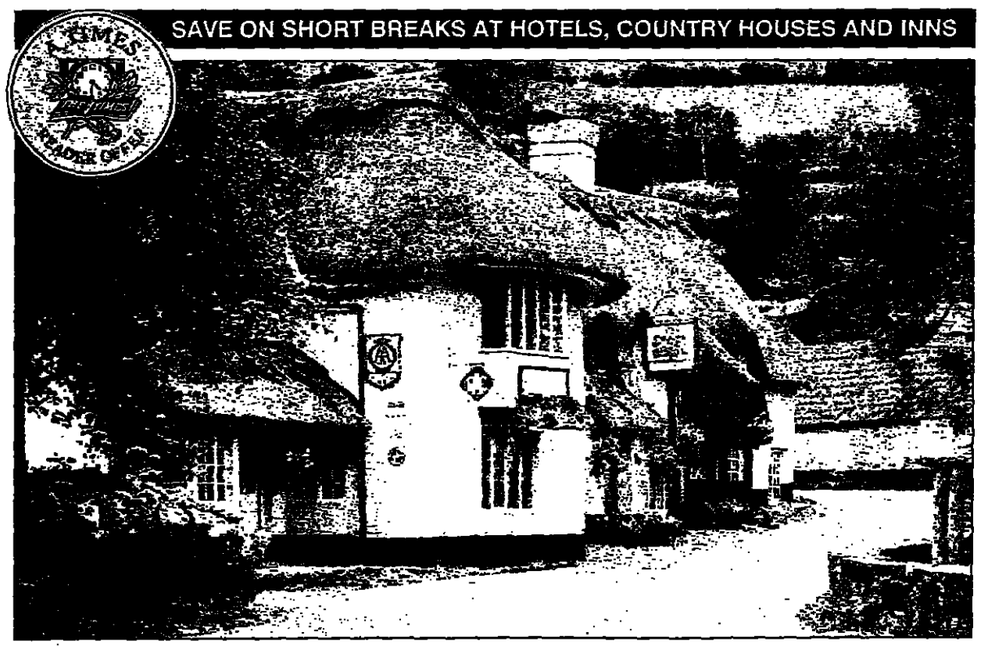
The British Diabetic Association v The Diabetic Society and Others

The words "association" and "society" being very similar in derivation and meaning, and being not dissimilar in form, it would amount to, albeit unintended, deception, calculated to damage the reputation and goodwill of The British Diabetic Association, for The Diabetic Society to continue to use that name.

Mr Justice Robert Walker so held in the Chancery Division on October 13, in making an order, inter alia, restraining the defendants, The Diabetic Society, Arthur Bennett and Gillian Mary Atkin, from (i) using the name or mark "The Diabetic Society", "The British Diabetic Society", "Diabetic Society", "The Diabetes Society" and/or "Diabetes Society"; (ii) causing, enabling, or assisting any other person to carry out any acts contravening the above injunction, or (iii) allowing the corporate name of the first defendant to remain on the Companies Register in its present, or any similar form.

HIS LORDSHIP said that since he did not accept the plaintiff's primary submission, that in 1990 and 1991 the plaintiff association had also enjoyed exclusive reputation and goodwill in the names "British Diabetic Society" and "Diabetic Society" as well as in the names "British Diabetic Association" and "Diabetic Association", he ordered the defendants to pay only three-quarters of the plaintiff's costs.

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Interstate under fire over Wells Fargo bid

FROM RICHARD THOMSON IN NEW YORK

THE board of First Interstate is expected to meet this week to consider Wells Fargo's $10.6 billion offer as the management comes under increasing pressure from shareholders to accept the bid.

A substantial portion of Interstate's shareholders are angry that the bank's board of directors has not already accepted the offer. One group is preparing a lawsuit against Interstate for neglecting the interests of shareholders.

William Lerach, a lawyer at Milberg, Weiss, the firm representing the shareholders, said: "This is a tremendous opportunity for Interstate's shareholders and it is irresponsible of its management to frustrate this deal."

Interstate has not officially rejected or accepted the bid, although it has said it is disappointed at Wells Fargo for making an unsolicited offer. If the board decides against Wells Fargo, it will become the first hostile bank bid since the 1980s, and by far the biggest ever seen in America.

Interstate may try to do a deal with some other bank, but most analysts believe it would be hard to top Wells Fargo's already generous offer. Paul Hazen, chief executive of Wells, said he is willing to sweeten the offer if necessary.

Most observers believe that a combination with Wells is Interstate's best option and several of its largest institutional shareholders have told the management to accept the bid. Jeff Simon, of Mackay-Shields Financial Corporation which owns 1.4 per cent of Interstate, said: "Our opinion as investors is that this potential combination would be excellent." Kohlberg Kravis & Roberts, the buyout firm and Interstate's largest shareholder, would not comment.

The bid was greeted with euphoria when it was announced last Wednesday, with Interstate's shares jumping 32 per cent and Wells Fargo's shares rising 13.5 per cent. By the end of the week, however, profit-taking in the stock market had wiped most of the gains off both share prices.

Daimler to lose 10,000 jobs

DAIMLER-BENZ will today unveil plans to axe up to 10,000 jobs at its aerospace plants in a drive to stem losses (Ross Tieman writes).

Dasa, the company's aerospace subsidiary, will give details of its Dolores rescue plan. Designed as a response to the strength of the German mark against the dollar, the plan arises out of a two-month study by Dasa management.

Workers at Fokker, Dasa's near-bankrupt Dutch regional jet subsidiary, will be hoping for a simultaneous announcement about the progress of restructuring talks between Dasa and Fokker's other main shareholder, the Dutch Government.

Union leaders say Dasa originally wanted to cut 15,000 jobs in Germany. The Federal Government has promised more work on military projects.



Irving Rabin helps to weigh up bidders' minds on the sale — one of the UK's biggest

Nestlé equipment to be sold

BY MARTIN BARROW

MORE than £3 million is expected to be raised through the sale by auction of equipment from five of Nestlé UK's food production factories, which gets under way tomorrow.

The auction of equipment, much of which was installed less than two years ago, follows the closure of Nestlé's Milnthorpe factory in Cumbria and the consolidation of other Nestlé operations at Peterhead, Grampian, and Staverton, Wiltshire.

Irving Rabin, president of Rabin Brothers, the auctioneers, said the sale is one of the largest ever in the UK, with more than 1,000 pieces of production equipment, including maintenance tools, microscopes, forklifts, office equipment, several miles of stainless steel pipe and entire laundry departments. The three-day auction, which has attracted buyers from 300 countries, will take place at the Birmigham NEC by closed-circuit television, with a video preview today.

Diamond Cable plans US listing

BY ERIC REGULY

DIAMOND CABLE is planning a stock market flotation that would value the company at between £500 million and £700 million.

The flotation of Britain's seventh largest cable company on the American Nasdaq market is expected to trigger further consolidation in the industry as operators strive to reduce substantial losses through economies of scale.

Diamond, controlled by a partnership led by Goldman Sachs, the Wall Street investment bank, is expected to seek more acquisitions after the completion of its initial public offering, scheduled for December. The company recently bought the East Midlands Cable Group for more than £100 million.

Diamond plans to sell about 20 per cent of the company in the flotation. The shares initially will be listed on Nasdaq, the preferred home of British cable shares. Only three of the seven floated cable companies — TeleWest, Nynex CableComms and General Cable — also sought London listings.

Diamond's flotation will be the last cable equity sale of the year. The company is going ahead in spite of the poor performance of the previous flotations. The sector took another dive this month, after Labour's comments that it would allow British Telecom into the broadcast market.

Diamond officials say they want to build up the company's presence in the East Midlands by purchasing contiguous franchises. No acquisition is imminent, but there are plenty of opportunities because the industry is dividing into buyers and sellers.

Buyers include Diamond, Nynex, Bell Cablemedia, International CableTel, General Cable and KPN, the Dutch post and telecoms group. There has been speculation that Groupe Videotron of Montreal, which controls Videotron Holdings, the sixth largest cable company and the only one with positive operating earnings, is on the auction block.

Fund with know-how acts as a catalyst for change

Lynda Chalker on how Britain is helping Poland with reforms

My colleague Nicholas Bonsor is in Warsaw today for the sixth anniversary of a successful Anglo-Polish partnership — the British Know How Fund.

Fund activity, co-ordinated by our embassy in Warsaw and by the Joint Assistance Unit in London, is focused on the financial sector. Mass privatisation, having dragged on since 1992, is now finally happening.

Fifteen national investment funds (NIFs) have been created, each with an independent supervisory board and a consortium of fund managers. The programme was designed specially for Poland, and the foreign fund managers are an important feature.

All the companies need some drastic restructuring to increase their assets' value. The challenge is great, but the rewards are high, for fund managers and Poles alike. All Poles over 18 will be entitled to a share certificate from November 22. When the NIFs are listed on the Warsaw stock exchange, the share certificates will convert to a tradeable share in each NIF.



Chalker: fund praised

Bank privatisation in Poland has continued throughout several governments. All the political parties want the benefits of the money likely to be available from the Polish Bank Privatisation Fund, if the nine commercial banks are privatised by December 1996. The fund helped to privatise the first bank in central Europe, WBK, to prove that it could be done. Two more followed. The fourth is under way and a fifth planned.

But the Poles have come up with an ingenious plan for the remaining four. They will be consolidated with Handlowy and PKO (SA), the two main specialist banks. Clearly, the Warsaw stock exchange is overbanked and the Poles will need to come up with a still more ingenious plan for disposing of the shares. They could give them away, but pensioners would rather have cash than untradeable bonds. The fund will have its work cut out to come up with a solution to this problem.

The key new area for fund activity is planning for enlargement of the European Union. The Poles have specifically asked the UK for help in tackling the common agriculture policy, training civil servants, anti-dumping and financial and planning laws. The fund and the City of London are well placed to help with the financial and banking aspects of integration. But first the Polish Government may have to hand over some of the responsibility for compliance of the privatised banks, rather than trying directly to enforce every last directive.

Training business people in Poland is not easy. In spite of the progress made since 1989, there are still a great many unreconstructed managers. Some would rather do anything than make a decision. This has to change. Management training is a key feature of the fund programme.

The four regional management centres we started three years ago are now almost financially self-sustaining. One has Polish national railways as its main customer.

Fund work on agricultural reform is extensive. As well as improving changing quality standards, we are advising on the best approaches to tackle changes in the European market. There are projects to help farmers and producers to be more business-like and market orientated. The UK Potato Marketing Board is teaching farmers about market research. To sell potatoes as chips, farmers needed to test the quality of the chips, which they are now doing.

The fund will never change things on its own in Poland. But it can act as an important catalyst for change. Various senior Poles have praised its speed of response, its flexibility and the high quality of its advisers. We should be proud of our contribution.

Baroness Chalker of Wallasey is Minister of State for Overseas Development

Institutions flock in as 99 comes up

INSTITUTIONS continue to flock to the Alternative Investment Market, the market for smaller and growing companies that succeeds the Unlisted Securities Market and the Stock Exchange's now defunct Rule 4.2 matched bargain trading facility.

David Abrahams, a dealer at Winterflood Securities, said: "We've seen more of an institutional following, with a couple of new ones coming to AIM for the first time."

Stanford Rook, the pharmaceutical company, was one of last week's best performers, adding 36p to 186p, boosted by a Nomura buy note.

The total number of companies listed on AIM grew to 99, compared with the ten shares listed when the new market started on June 19. AIM's total market capitalisation has grown to £1.66 billion, with total cash raised at £39.7 million.

New money raised was boosted by a £10 million placing on Thursday by Independent Radio Group (IRG), a company set up to acquire UK local radio stations. The company incurred total costs of about £300,000 in order to join AIM, though all of its costs were contingent on the float proceeding. IRG shares ended at 117p, compared with a 100p placing price.

PHILIP PANGALOS

THE POUND

CHANGE ON WEEK
US dollar
1.5757 (+0.0033)
German mark
2.2033 (-0.0440)
Exchange index
83.6 (-0.9)

STOCK MARKET

Bank of England official close (4pm)
FT 30 share
2599.6 (-29.0)
FT-SE 100
3551.4 (-16.6)
New York Dow Jones
4794.86 (+1.08)
Tokyo Nikkei Avge
18157.33 (+276.50)

ALTERNATIVE INVESTMENT MARKET

Mkt cap (million)	Company	Price pence	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
13.80	AMCO Corp	97	+ 2	5.6	10.7
	Abacus Recruit	17	...	...	...
17.40	A de Grucby	118	...	6.0	9.8
5.28	African Gold	6¼	+ ¼	...	...
	Albemarale & Bd	13½	...	...	...
39.70	Ann St Brewery	415	+ 5	5.3	11.4
5.18	Ann St Cv Pf	575	...	9.1	...
73.80	Ansonov	105	- 1	...	...
11.40	Ask Central	71	+ 3	...	...
	Athelney Trust	55	- 1	...	...
4.37	Baris Hldgs	17	+ 1	...	...
4.30	Belcanto	48	...	...	...
	Bowness Leis	140	...	...	...
	Bown Leis Cv Pf	70	...	...	...
4.46	Brandsite Hldgs	45	+ 2	...	...
23.60	Brockbank	202	+ 2	3.9	20.2
	CCI Hldgs	113	...	...	...
	CCI Founder Shs	110	...	...	...
3.13	Cafe Mgrs	112	+ 2	2.2	9.2
8.52	Caledonian Tst	75	...	...	9.1
10.90	Card Clear	55	+ 2	...	...
3.85	Cassidy Bros	70	+ 2	5.4	10.0
1.87	Cavendish W F	43	...	...	21.8
	Celtic	6750	...	...	...
	Celtic Pf Shs	6750	...	...	...
15.40	Cl Comms(TV)	114	...	2.4	17.1
13.90	ClubPartners	33	...	...	...
7.19	Comster Tst	36	...	2.8	15.4
10.90	Country Gdns	61	+ 5	2.5	12.6
2.49	Cntry Gdns Pf	68	+ 3	9.8	...
9.13	DBS Management	135	...	5.6	5.6
	Dalkeith Invrs	34	...	...	...
36.10	Dawson Hldgs	790	+ 30	4.6	10.9
2.92	Dean Corp	10	...	...	58.5
76.30	Electrophoretics Intl	118	- 12	...	...
5.65	Euro Sales Fn	130	+ 5	...	...
	Fairsale	210	...	...	...
	Finl Pubns	38	...	...	...
8.83	Firecrest	53	- 4	...	23.1
5.77	Floral St	248	+ 40	...	13.5
8.43	Formscan	90	+ 7	2.8	...
4.50	Furlong Homes	90	+ ½	3.3	4.8
26.00	Gander Hldgs	9	...	...	76.8
5.55	Gradmate Apts	33	- 3	...	39.6
0.27	Grad Apts Wts	25	...	...	...
	Greenhalls	18	...	...	...
36.90	Gulton	165	...	3.0	15.0
	Harsom	60	...	...	...
49.90	Hiscox Ded Ins	110	...	0.3	...
	Hiscox Ded p/p	55	...	...	...
13.90	Ionex Workings	83	+ 12	...	...
18.70	Jennings Bros	288	+ 13	2.5	24.7
	KS Biomedix	101	- 2	...	...
24.40	Lancashire Enterprises	135	- 3	4.8	11.5
	Lawrence	208	+ 5	...	...
55.60	Lawrie Group	2650	+119	3.1	14.6
46.40	Le Riches Strs	280	...	6.9	28.4
	Lifehome As Ten	85	...	...	...
24.20	Lon Fiduciary	2½	...	...	...
9.84	Lorien Grp	155	+ 5	...	...
5.26	Meltek	83	+ 10	...	37.1
293.00	Memory Corp	495	+ 30	...	...
	Metrodome Films	22	- 1	...	...
10.10	Moorepay	133	+ 12	3.7	21.9
17.60	Multimedia	61	+ 1	...	...
22.10	NWF Grp	295	...	2.8	14.2
	Nash (Wm)	150	...	5.5	...
7.34	Neill Clerk	290	+ 4	2.6	14.1
5.63	Neilson Cobbold	205	...	2.3	5.0
	Norcity II	63	...	...	...
	Northomes	68	...	...	...
	Nthmb Rks Props	71	...	...	...
16.10	Nursing Home	104	+ 1	...	...
9.02	Old English Pub	82	+ 4	3.0	...
5.30	Omnicare	96	...	2.2	14.3
11.60	Ocmimedia	65	...	...	...
10.70	Pacific Media	1	- ½	...	...
	Pacific Med Pf	53	...	...	...
5.76	Pan Andean Res	14	+ ½	...	...
4.78	Park Ests(Liv)	200	...	...	...
3.62	Preston Nth E	400	...	...	...
10.60	Riceman Rsce	16	...	...	...
12.50	SCS Satellite	121	- 4	...	...
	Scotswood Inds	18	...	...	...
	Scott Pride	48	- 1	...	...
13.00	Scrutons	270	+ 5	6.0	11.0
	Silkbarn	2	...	...	...
121.20	Southern News	514	+ 4	3.8	14.3
	Southern Vectis	61	- 2	...	...
32.50	Stanford Rook	186	+ 31	...	...
9.89	Surrey Fr Inns	98	- 12	2.3	11.5
45.50	TRACKER Netwk	860	- 15	...	...
4.14	Tele Cred Epr	41	- 4	...	...
	Tele Cred Wrts	31	- 2	...	...
11.60	Toad	93	- 5	...	...
	Trinity Care	160	...	...	...
	Trinity Care Pf	165	...	...	...
	Univent	40	...	...	...
	Utd Auctions	453	...	...	...
	VDC	500	...	...	...
21.10	Versailles Grp	9	...	...	15.2
	Voss	178	+ 13	...	...
	Wedderburn Secs	12	+ 1	...	...
	Wedd Secs Wrnts	4	...	...	...
1.23	Westmount Engy	15	...	...	...
8.97	W'chester M Md	81	- 2	...	...
	Wyevalley Props	160	...	...	...
	Zargo	150	- 6	...	...

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Gucci gets its debut price today

Shares in Gucci, the luxury goods company, will be priced at between $19 and $22 today, with dealings getting under way on the New York Stock Exchange tomorrow.

The share offer is expected to raise about $500 million. Strong interest has encouraged Investcorp, the group that owns Gucci, to increase the sale by 8.5 million shares to 24.5 million.

Gucci had net income of $24.8 million on sales of $206.2 million in the first half of 1995, up sharply from $4.7 million on sales of $110.2 million.

Opel denial

Adam Opel, the German subsidiary of General Motors, denied a report in *Focus*, the German news magazine, claiming the carmaker was defrauded out of several million marks in falsified sales orders from dealers. *Focus* said several dealers between 1992 and 1995 defrauded Opel by manipulating vehicle orders to receive sales premiums. An Opel official denied the report but said the company did find that some premiums were improperly paid to some dealers after a review of 435,000 orders during the period.

Kuwait find

The state Kuwait Oil Company has discovered new oil reservoirs with an estimated 350 million barrels, said Abdul Mohsen al-Madaj, the oil minister. He said the new reservoirs in Kraa al-Marou in western Kuwait contained light, high-density crude.

PHIL YEOMANS



Kenneth Gray toasts his new water pumping equipment driven by solar power that could become a success in Third World countries

Shortage of labour hits nearly half of exporters

By Eric Reguly

ALMOST half of British exporters have difficulty in finding suitable employees during a period of intensifying international competition, a study released this morning says.

The *DHL Quarterly Export Indicator*, conducted by the Gallup Organization, said that 46 per cent of 904 companies surveyed found it "either very or fairly difficult" to fill vacancies.

The biggest shortages, in order, were in skilled manual labour, engineering, unskilled manual labour and sales. Exporters in the textiles industry had the hardest time recruiting workers; almost three-quarters said they could not find suitable manual labourers. Engineering businesses also reported enormous difficulties in finding the right workers.

Ian Campbell, director-general of the Institute of Export, said during the recession businesses had slashed their training budgets. "To succeed against stiff international competition, these must be reinstated," he said. Training or not, many workers simply were not available. They either took early retirement or found other occupations in the recession and exporters were finding it nearly impossible to entice them back.

Mr Campbell said that generally low salaries had contributed to the job problems. He said: "Traditionally, exporting has not been highly paid."

He thinks the shortages will put upward pressure on salaries. The latest pay study by the Confederation of British Industry, however, concludes that pay awards are not moving up. Manufacturing pay awards averaged 3.5 per cent in the three months to September, compared with 3.4 per cent in the three months to June. The businesses in that sector said their inability to raise prices has put a cap on payment increases. In the service sector it was 3.4 per cent against 3.5 per cent.

☐ Pay settlement levels could rise further if inflation does not fall back before the end of the year, Incomes Data Services (IDS), the independent pay analysts, says today.

IDS says that although most private sector payments are running at 3 per cent to 4 per cent, with public sector deals lagging behind at 2 to 3 per cent, it suggests the recent jump in headline inflation to 3.9 per cent has yet to make itself felt. It is likely to do so, however, as employers and unions prepare for the key bargaining month of January, now the single most important month for private sector manufacturing deals in particular.

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Inventor uses sun to pump water

By Colin Narbrough

A SMALL West Country engineering company could soon start to take the agony out of carrying water for millions of people in the Third World with a solar pump designed and developed by Kenneth Gray, a Hampshire inventor.

Driven solely by the power of the sun, the low-maintenance, low-cost prototype, which has a solar panel area of 2 square metres, can pump up to 1,000 gallons a day under average tropical conditions from depths of up to 27 feet.

Gray Solar Pumps, Mr Gray's company, has plans for a range of pumps employing the same principle, which could pump up to 20,000 gallons per day.

Initial production will be carried out by Haviland Engineering based in Ferndown, Dorset, which has joined in the development work. So far, the pump has cost only £150,000 to develop, and much of the funding has come from Government awards.

Survey charts fast changes in job market

By Philip Bassett, Industrial Editor

LABOUR turnover — the movement of people into and out of jobs — is now running at an average of about 12 per cent in spite of still-high unemployment, new figures suggest today.

Turnover among part-timers is running at almost three times that rate, the study suggests in findings which will be welcomed by supporters of the Government's policy of promoting labour market flexibility as evidence of labour mobility and by opponents as clear evidence of job insecurity.

Britain's personnel managers will meet in Harrogate this week for the annual conference of the Institute of Personnel and Development (IPD). In advance of that, the institute tries, for the first time, to measure labour turnover across the economy.

Based on a survey of 2,000 personnel managers in 211 public and private sector organisations with a combined workforce of 500,000, the survey sets the number of people leaving their employers, not including internal transfers, against the average number of employees.

The IPD study, which the institute now intends to conduct annually, finds that the average turnover for 1994 was 12 per cent for full-time workers and 14.4 per cent for non-manual employees.

For part-timers the rates are considerably higher — 31 per cent for white collar part-timers and 33 per cent for manual workers. Average turnover cost per employee may be about £12,500.

While the insitutute accepts that labour turnover can help organisations, excessively high turnover may be "dysfunctional" and a consequence of low job satisfaction, negative job attitudes, and an ability to find employment elsewhere.

The institute's study shows that the highest turnover is among sales and unskilled employees. Turnover is highest in the hotel and catering sector and in retailing, both high users of part-time labour, where the rates are 48 per cent and 34 per cent respectively.

SIB fears rebate-only pensions mis-sold

By Caroline Merrell

ABOUT 20 of the UK's biggest insurance companies have been asked by the Securities & Investments Board (SIB), the chief City regulator, to supply information about personal pensions where the only contribution is the rebate of National Insurance contributions supplied by the Department of Social Security.

The regulator fears that many people may have been mis-sold these rebate-only personal pensions. In some cases, the charges on plans outstrip any benefits they offer, particularly for those on low earnings. SIB is also concerned that unless policyholders top up these schemes with more contributions, they will not provide enough income in retirement.

SIB has asked companies to supply data about their rebate-only personal pension business and is working with the Department of Social Security on the problem. It is hoping to produce a report on its findings before the end of the year.

The report could mean that companies have to review their rebate-only pensions business in the same way as they are currently reviewing their transfer and opt-out personal pension business.

Investors face lottery factor

The gilt market has performed poorly in recent weeks. The Chancellor looks ready to deliver tax cuts in next month's Budget, despite the public sector borrowing requirement looking set to exceed the forecast £23.5 billion by about £5 billion.

Gilts investors are right to be concerned. The overshoot in public borrowing has occurred despite two developments which have benefited government finances. First, despite slower than expected GDP growth, unemployment is turning out lower than the Chancellor expected when he formulated his spending plans. Second, the National Lottery has flattered the PSBR, as the lottery distribution fund has been slow to distribute the cash to "good causes". This suggests that the underlying fiscal position is worse than it appears. In the first six months of the fiscal year, departmental spending has grown faster than the planned increase. However, this spending overshoot cannot be blamed on slow growth. When the spending plans were made, the Chancellor assumed that unemployment would average 2.5 million this year. The average thus far has been 2.3 billion, which should reduce social security spending by £600 million in a full year.

The impact of the lottery on the PSBR has been ignored by analysts, probably because in the medium term the impact should be negligible. However, in the first half of the fiscal year, the National Lottery has reduced the PSBR by about £700 million, because of the large amount of cash temporarily held by the lottery distribution fund.

After expenses, the fund allocates the money equally to the Arts Council, the Sports Council, the Charities Board, the National Heritage Memorial Fund, and the Millennium Fund. They disburse the money to "good causes".

The lottery distribution fund is part of the government sector. Thus, the money which goes into the fund is counted as general government revenue and the spending on "good causes" as general government expenditure. Owing to this classification in the national accounts, in June the Chancellor introduced a measure of government spending which he will aim to control, which excludes the lottery. He argued that the Government has no control over how much money the lottery distribution fund has to spend, since it is determined by how many lottery tickets are purchased.

After the lottery has been running for a while, the inflow into the distribution fund will be matched by spending on "good causes" so there will be no impact on the PSBR. Both government receipts and spending will be higher than they would have been if the lottery did not exist, but the Government's new target for spending (GGE-X) will be unaffected.

From last November, when the lottery began, to the end of September, about £1 billion has flowed into the lottery distribution fund, but only about £50 million has so far been disbursed, so the PSBR has been temporarily reduced by almost £1 billion. Last year's PSBR was reduced by £300 million by this effect, and the PSBR in the first six months of this fiscal year has been reduced by £700 million.

This flattering of the PSBR by £1 billion is only temporary because the money in the lottery distribution fund will eventually be spent. But as the money is distributed this will boost government spending, and the PSBR.

These two special factors suggest that the Government's fiscal position is even worse than it appears at first sight, and the initial appearance is not too bright. The risk is that the under-performance in the gilt market has further to run, especially if the Chancellor presents a politically appealing, but economically risky, Budget next month.

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Word watching

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SITHA
(b) Or *sithee*, reproductions of dialect pronunciations of *see thou*, used especially as an interjection to draw attention or as a conversation filler. Rudyard Kipling, *Limits & Renewals*, 1932: "She's proud of hersen! — Sitha! She's trying to admire of her own belly!"

ZAC
(b) Australian slang for a sixpence, when they had such a coin, origin unknown.

URANISM
(a) Homosexuality, from the Greek *Ourania*, Latin *Urania*, the heavenly one, an epithet of Aphrodite.

SEHNSUCHT
(c) Yearning, wistful longing, a German word. J. I. M. Stewart, *Palace of Art*, 1972: "The stickiest romance of all attends, of course, upon gondolas by moonlight, and Gloria felt she must by no means counter or abridge this small enclave of adolescent Sehnsucht in her almost undeviatingly rational friend."

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New-wave Dickensians are doomed to failure



GRAHAM SEARJEANT

Double time for working on Sunday is to give way to a 50 per cent premium for new folk at Asda. A Labour MP who backed Sunday trading said Asda's move was appalling. Unions that backed the change in the law, because members wanted the extra pay, cried betrayal. But they were surely not surprised. Sunday trading was an aberration for big supermarket groups that were running out of steam. After years of successful cost-cutting, they increased their costs in the short run to wrest more of the market from small shops and spread their overheads.

Competition, as is usually the case, should bring consumers lower prices as well as greater choice, at least until the family shops close down. Once Sunday working became the norm, pay premiums for volunteers were bound to be cut. Meanwhile, across the retail trades, full-time jobs have been replaced by more part-time ones.

As Henry Ford used to say, if you don't want the job, there are plenty of others who do. But Henry Ford used to pay well for ever higher productivity on the production line. An employer who pays more than average can ask for more than average effort. Higher productivity from innovation, stimulated by competition and bolstered by investment, is the most reliable source of wealth and higher living standards.

Those same supermarkets are now bettering the lot of family motorists with lower petrol prices. Sometimes, however, there are hitches. The plot goes wrong. If competition grows but lack of innovation, investment or demand limits productivity gains, companies have to cut costs by putting the squeeze on suppliers. More and more companies now see most employees as being among those suppliers.

Competition on the buses, for instance, has signally failed to reverse the downtrend in custom. More buses are travelling more miles with fewer people on them. That makes it hard to improve productivity. So bus workers' real wages, which were never more than modest, have been driven down by 12 per cent in nine years.

Falling real wages break the circle. If living standards of large groups of people do not rise, all this dynamic change tends to lose its charm. That has been a curse of the American economy for years. Now it is coming here. And it is bringing another curse with it. For Henry Ford and his successors to be choosy, they need a pool of people desperately needing a job.

The fashionable drive among big companies to make their labour force ever more "flexible" appears to be accelerating. A survey of almost 150 top companies for the (formerly British) Institute of Management and employment agency Manpower, suggests that most expect to cut mainstream jobs next year and rely mainly on temporary or part-time staff within five years. A regular survey by Reed Personnel Services shows this trend is well underway. Demand for temporary workers is now a fifth higher than at the peak of the last economic boom. And these temporary workers lose conventional benefits such as holiday pay, training and, presumably, pensions.

Companies draw an ever sharper distinction between the core staff essential to run key functions and the majority, who by one means or another become casual operatives. In essence, their ideal is to use these people only as needed, much in the manner that prevailed in the old-world docks, where poor dockers congregated at the gate each morning, hoping to be chosen by overseers for a day's paid work.

One of the paradoxes of capitalism is that it ratchets up higher living standards but always seems to need new sources of cheap labour at the bottom of the ladder. Britain's Industrial Revolution was powered by cheap labour thrown off the land, as many developing countries' economies are today. America's rise to undreamt-of wealth depended on waves of immigrants, prepared to do anything to start a new life. Postwar Germany and Japan relied on bombed-out masses starting all over again. Then Europe needed immigrants, or "guest workers", to run industries such as textiles that faced crippling new competition. Mobilising the majority of married women from home to the job market provided a huge but possibly final wave of initially cheap labour.

In the absence of some new pool of labour, companies that hanker after the dock-gate approach to employment depend on the economy creating its own: the unemployed. On the Continent, unemployment averages over 10 per cent, in Britain more than 8 per cent and even in America, after years of job-creating boom, the usual cyclical low point of nearly 6 per cent. Even then, employers demand wage subsidies or hope that benefits will be cut to make it easier to recruit labour at low pay.

Just imagine what might happen if policies aimed at slashing unemployment actually worked. Companies that relied on casual workers, untrained labour or temporary staff would be in big trouble. Only those that adopted Japanese practices, essential in a low-unemployment economy, would prosper. The more companies depend on a large pool of unemployed people, however, the more they are guaranteed to have it. Long before unemployment returned to the level of 1980, let alone 1970 or 1960, they would have to bid up wages at the bottom end of the market and policymakers would be putting the brakes on the economy to stop inflation accelerating.

In a society with adult suffrage and a welfare system, the casual labour approach is self-defeating, ensuring high taxes and low growth. These modern management thinkers, with their Dickensian idea of labour and their seven-day, 24-hour, casual, part-time economy, doom us to failure. The sooner they get their cum-uppance the better.

Not suitable for children

Whatever Happened to . . . ? *Radio 4, 9.15pm.*

Yes indeed. What *did* happen to the seven dwarfs after Snow White's prince led her into the sunset? Adrian Mourby's sequel is shocking — so shocking that no juvenile devotee of Disney's cartoon should be allowed anywhere near a radio set at 9.15 tonight. Confidentially, I can tell parents that there is an almighty fuss when the tabloids learn that Snow White had cohabited with seven males ("Princess Snowy in kinky seven-in-a-bed romp"). The fairy-tale wedding of the year becomes the scandal of the century. No doubt, there will be some mischievous souls who will say that writer Mourby had a real and more recent royal break-up at the back of his mind . . .

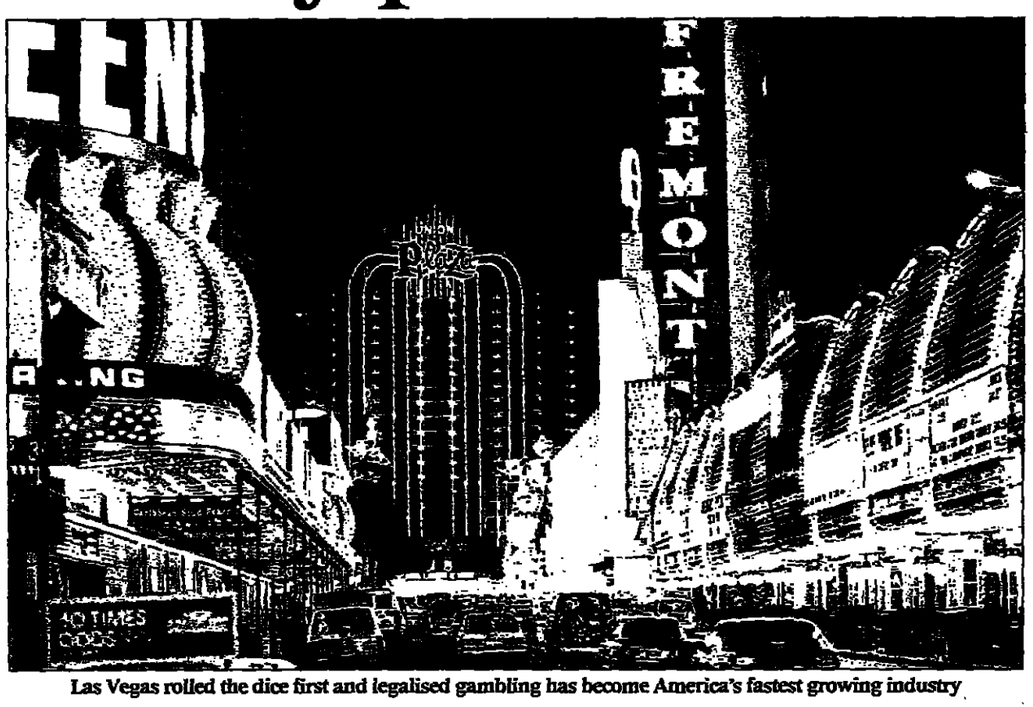
Book at Bedtime: The Letters and Diaries of C. Jeannes de la Pluche, Esquire. *Radio 4, 10.45pm.*

How pleasant to go to bed with a smile on my lips, and know the *same thing will almost certainly happen every night this week.* Thackeray's comical account of the rise and fall of a footman has been rescued from obscurity by *Book at Bedtime* and *adapted in five parts* by Pete Atkin. Andy Hamilton reads it, dropping his aitches by the dozen and coping superbly with such *nouveau-riche* boasting as "I'm drest hall in black, exep a gold wesscut and dimind studs in the embridered busom of my shamees". I could almost see Dickens *nodding approvingly* as he listened to that and saying "I could have written that myself".

Peter Davalle

Gambling is on a roll in America and new laws are on the cards, says **Ian Brodie**

The Lady pushes her luck



Las Vegas rolled the dice first and legalised gambling has become America's fastest growing industry

William Jahoda, reformed Chicago mobster, was ushered into a congressional hearing and surrounded by screens to protect his identity from the cameras. It was a moment of droll political theatre. Unfortunately, Mr Jahoda's performance did not live up to his grandiose billing. Instead of blowing the lid off Mafia penetration of America's booming gambling industry, he maintained he knew of no such thing and talked instead about illegal bookmaking on his home turf.

Still, his appearance dramatised concerns in Washington over the rapid spread of gambling in America. There are worries about the impact on compulsive gamblers who mortgage all they have until they press their final dollar into a fruit machine. There are warnings that gambling revenues do not fall from the sky, but are sucked from elsewhere in the economy, with disastrous results for small shops, restaurants and other businesses which do not have the luck to be near any of the new casinos. There is also the moral question, with the Christian Coalition and other right-wing conservatives insisting that gambling is a sin.

Compared with these misgivings, the Mafia is scarcely more than a pinprick. Only one state, Louisiana, has found its legal gambling to be in the grip of organised crime; 20 men were arrested for skimming profits from video poker machines. Elsewhere, stringent background checks on casino executives and employees have succeeded, so far at least, in keeping the games honest. Legitimate gambling has done an excellent job of policing itself.

However, uncertainties over whether gambling is a risky business for the states and communities that bet on it have prompted support on Capitol Hill for a Bill to establish a national commission to study the effects of Lady Luck and to recommend any federal legislation that might be needed.

The suggestion has set off cries of outrage from gambling interests. On Wall Street, the prospect of federal interference threatens to dull the industry's lustre, although only one of the top ten gambling stocks tracked by Salomon Brothers has sunk below its price a year ago. In this case, the problems of MGM Grand Inc. are related to over-expansion of its mega-casino and hotel complex in Las Vegas and not to the pending government inquiry. Gambling stocks still enjoy substantial support from institutional investors, including police pension funds.

Legalised gambling has quadrupled in a dozen years into a multi-billion-dollar business, making it the fastest-growing industry in the US. Twenty-two of the 50 states allow casino gambling and so do dozens of American Indian reservations. All but 14 states have lotteries. This is phenomenal growth for a country where most gambling outside racecourses was outlawed until Las Vegas stirred into life 50 years ago. As recently as 1972, a priest was jailed for running bingo in a church hall. Now they are positively encouraged to do so.

Gambling has two key statistics. One is the "handle", the total money bet by participants. A single dollar may be wagered many times before it is finally won or lost and during that period it forms part of the volume of money flowing through the games. Last year the "handle" was $482 billion, a 22.3 per cent annual increase, according to *International Gaming and Wagering Business* magazine. The other salient figure is revenue, the amount retained by gambling establishments or, to put it bluntly, the sum lost by gamblers. That rose 15 per cent last year to almost $40 billion. Of this figure, a little over $18 billion was lost in casinos, more than Americans spend on cinemas, theatre, opera, classical and pop concerts combined. The rest went on sports betting, horses, lotteries and other games of chance.

The Rev Tom Grey is a Methodist minister in Illinois who took no interest in gambling until a riverboat casino moored near his church and he began to see the social consequences of lost homes, increased crime, broken marriages and neglected children.

Now he leads the National Coalition Against Legalised Gambling and collects horror stories about players who gambled their way into penury. A teenager who took his life after running up huge losses left a note that said: "I'm out of control." Another punter shot himself in a casino car park when he was down to his last $13 after losing $50,000. Linda Edwards, a factory worker in Iowa, squandered $75,000 from her retirement fund, three bank loans and every cent she could wring from her credit cards. She has joined the expanding ranks of Gamblers Anonymous and reports that she has been "clean" since March.

Americans generally seem uncertain about gambling. They flock to casinos and buy lottery tickets in record numbers, but they have expressed doubts at the ballot box. Voters in seven states recently rejected casinos, usually by wide margins, most notably in Florida where pro-gambling interests argued in vain that they were offering a powerful boost to the state's tourist industry. In Louisiana, a flock of candidates for governor are running on anti-gambling platforms following the state's brush with the Mafia and the collapse of two riverboats in New Orleans that owed millions in unpaid taxes and left 1,800 out of work.

The urgent task of answering critics and burnishing the industry's image has been shouldered by Frank Fahrenkopf, former Republican Party leader and now president of the American Gaming Association — the word gaming is preferred over gambling as somehow less pejorative and more suggestive of fun.

It is no comfort to Mr Fahrenkopf that the campaign for a commission of inquiry is led by his fellow Republicans. Their Bill could pass before Christmas. Its proponents complain that the legislation is needed because well-heeled casino lobbyists prepare glowing economic analyses to convince local politicians of the benefits of gambling, but there is little objective, credible information to tell the other side of the story and point out potential disadvantages.

Mr Fahrenkopf argues that state and local officials are perfectly capable of deciding for themselves if they should introduce gambling, or any other industry, and need no intervention from Washington busybodies. He portrays casinos as providing entertainment at a reasonable price while creating more than a million jobs and paying $1.4 billion in state and local taxes.

As for compulsive gamblers, Mr Fahrenkopf says they comprise a minuscule minority, usually around seven-tenths of 1 per cent of the populace and never more than 6 per cent. His figures may be right, but the industry would do well to offer addicts help before they become the focus of an overwhelming public-relations problem.

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THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Parkinson calls it a wrap

ALL change at Gouldens, the City law firm, which is losing film and entertainment expert Chris Parkinson to the rival clutches of Hammond Suddards, at London Wall. Parkinson, 35, has been in charge of Gouldens' entertainment group, and is well known in the film industry. He was executive producer of *Staggered*, the most successful film to be made under the Business Expansion Scheme, and helped to put together the funding for *Leon The Pig Farmer*. Parkinson has previously moonlighted as a DJ on hospital radio, but tells me he has swapped the joys of the studio for the delights of the *Lord's Taverners*, where he is on the committee.

In the kart

CITY speed freaks who frequent the FI Chelsea indoor karting circuit near Chelsea Harbour in London were mortified to hear that Prince William has set a new lap record of 19.66 seconds. The royal gauntlet has, in effect, been thrown down to boy racers from Rothschilds, Schroders, Lloyd's Capital Markets, and others, who are training hard before the Hill Samuel Asset Management FI Karting Championship on November 29. Such is the City's appetite for karting, that the event is all but fully subscribed, raising an expected £20,000 to fund research into childhood cancer at the Royal Marsden Institute of Cancer Research. More than 60,000 people have used the FI circuit since it opened in 1993.

Town and gown

SHUFFLING round at the University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology, where Professor Sir Roland Smith is preparing to don the chancellor's garb. The Prof, still heartily supporting Manchester United, where he remains chairman, becomes Umist chancellor in January, and will have a new stablemate in Bob Boucher, who succeeds Harold Hankins as principal and vice-chancellor.

Tied in

FANS of the finely cut and *ooooh-so* expensive Hermès ties should hurry down to the Hermès boutique at 2/3 Royal Exchange this week. Not only will they be offered a free glass of champagne, but they will be invited to predict the closing level of the Footsie 100 (to one decimal place) on Wednesday November 1. The competition closes to entries at 6pm on Friday. Hermès insists it will honour all correct entries. A spokesman says: "If 1,000 people are correct, we will give away 1,000 ties, but it will be quite difficult to predict." At £65 a tie, Hermès could live to regret its offer. Women winners will be given a bottle of Hermès's latest fragrance.

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6.00am Sandy Warr 7.00 Simon Bates 10.00 Jonathan King 12.00 Tommy Boyd 2.00pm Anna Raeburn 4.00 Scott Chisholm and Lowri Turner 7.00 Sean Bolger 9.00 Mcr. Dee 10.00 James Whale 1.00-6.00am Ian Collins

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All times in GMT. 5.00am Newsday 5.30 Europe Today 6.00 Newsday 6.30 Europe Today 7.00 News 7.15 Off the Shelf 8.00 News 8.10 Words of Faith 8.15 The Greenfield Collection 9.00 News in German 9.15 Anything Goes 9.45 Sport 10.00 Newsdesk 10.30 BBC English 10.45 Off the Shelf 11.00 Newsdesk 11.30pm Omnibus 12.00 News 12.05 Business 12.15 Britain Today 12.30 The Musician's Musician 1.00 Newshour 2.00 News 2.05 Outlook 2.30 John Peel 3.00 News in German 3.15 Concert Hall 4.00 News 4.15 The World Today 4.30 News in German 5.00 Europe Today 5.30 Business 5.45 Sport 6.00 Newsdesk 6.30 News in German 7.00 News Summary 7.01 Outlook 7.25 Words of Faith 7.30 Multitrack: Hit List 8.00 Newshour 9.00 News 9.05 Business 9.15 Britain Today 9.30 Omnibus 10.00 Newsdesk 10.30 The World Today 10.45 Sports Roundup 11.00 News 11.10am Take Five 11.15 Ed Stewart 11.45 Development '95 Midnight Newsdesk 12.30 Folk Routes 12.45 Britain Today 1.00 News 1.10 Press 1.15 Bhangra Beat 1.45 Health Matters 2.00 Newsday 2.30 Inspiration 3.00 World News 3.15 Sports Roundup 3.30 John Peel 4.00 Newsdesk 4.30 Europe Today

CLASSIC FM

4.00am Early Breakfast 6.00 Richard Astbury 9.00 Henry Kelly 12.00 Susannah Simons 2.00pm Lunchtime Concerto 3.00 Jamie Crick 6.00 Newsnight 6.30 Sonata 7.00 A to Z of Classical Music 8.00 Evening Concert 10.00 Michael Mappin 12.00 Sally Peterson

VIRGIN RADIO

6.00am Russ 'n' Jono 9.00 Richard Skinner 12.00 Graham Dene 4.00pm Nicky Horne 7.30 Paul Coyte 10.00 Mark Forrest 2.00-6.00am Robin Banks

RADIO 3

5.55am Weather 6.00 On Air: Balfour Gardiner (Overture to a comedy); Beethoven (Violin Concerto in D); 7.05 Bach (Cantata No 140, Wachet auf); 7.32 *Symphony Series*: Mozart (Symphony No 12 in G); Beethoven (Overture, Coriolan); Poulenc (Sonata for 2 pianos)

9.00 **Morning Collection with Paul Gambaccini**: Holst (Mars, the Bringer of War, The Planets); Bernstein (I am easily assimilated, Candide); 9.12 *Haydn Piano Sonatas*: Sonata in E flat; 9.23 Holst (Hammersmith Prelude and Scherzo); Hindemith (Symphonic Metamorphosis on Themes of Carl Maria von Weber)

10.00 **Musical Encounters**: Handel (Sinfonia; Oh, the pleasure of the plain, Acis and Galatea); 10.10 *Artist of the Week*: Maurice Bourgue, oboe, plays Vaughan Williams (Oboe Concerto); Cipriana Potter (Symphony in C minor); 11.05 Mozart (Piano Concerto No 12 in A); Bernstein (Symphonic Dances, West Side Story)

12.00 **Composer of the Week**: Luciano Berio (Wasserklavier, Folk Songs, Concertino; Sequenza XI; Duetti for two violins, Vol I, excerpts; Sinfonia)

1.00pm **BBC Lunchtime Concert**, from St John's, Smith Square, London. Yuri Bashmet, viola, Mikhail Muntian, piano, play Bach and Brahms

2.00 **BBC Symphony Orchestra in the USA**: Andrew Davis conducts Berlioz (Overture, Le Corsair); Beethoven (Piano Concerto No 4 in G; John Lill); Elgar (Symphony No 1 in A flat)

3.45 **Music for Organ**: Susan Landale plays Vierne (Symphony No 6 in B minor, Op 59)

4.30 **Piano Man**: The career of the jazz pianist and bandleader Earl Hines (4/5)

5.00 **The Music Machines**: Dick Witts talks to Karlheinz Stockhausen about how technology has changed the role of the composer

5.15 **In Tune from New York**, with Humphrey Burton. The first of three programmes to mark the BBC Symphony Orchestra's tour of America. Gershwin (Rhapsody in Blue: the composer, piano roll; Columbia Jazz Band); Mahler (Symphony No 7, second movement: New York PO); Beethoven (Piano Concerto No 4 in G, third movement: Glenn Gould; New York PO)

7.30 **Let the Peoples Sing 1995**, live from Manchester. The finals of the 1995 Euroradio Choral Competition. Britain is represented by the St David's School Choir from Wrexham, conducted by Jean Stanley Jones

9.30 **In Translation**: The first of five readings of contemporary European fiction. Jamie Glover reads *The Film Explainer* by Gert Hofmann

9.55 **The BBC Orchestras**: BBC Symphony Orchestra under Paul Zukofsky performs Schnabel (Symphony No 1)

10.45 **Mixing It**

11.30-12.30am **Ensemble**: Boris Berezovsky, piano

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast (LW only) 6.00 News Briefing, incl 6.03 Weather 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30 Today, incl 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 News 6.55, 7.55 Weather 7.25, 8.25 Sports News 7.45 Thought for the Day 8.40 One Year On: Nigel Farrell finds out what has happened to the people and stories that made the news one year ago 8.58 Weather

9.00 **News 9.05 Start the Week**, with Melvyn Bragg, Tom Sutcliffe, Richard Littlejohn, Andrew Motion, Maureen Freely and Deborah Cameron

10.00-10.30 **News; Dear Diary** (FM only): Tony Waite reads diary extracts of people who have been held captive 10.00 Daily Service (LW only)

10.15 **Children's BBC Radio 4: The Reluctant Vampire** (LW only). Tony Robinson reads Eric Morecambe's story (1/5)

10.30 **Woman's Hour**, introduced by Jenni Murray. Short Story: *Charity*, by Michelle Roberts. Read by Eleanor Bron (1/2)

11.30 **Money Box Live**: 0171-580 4444

12.00pm **News; You and Yours**

12.25 **Round Britain Quiz**: Midlands v London 12.55 Weather

1.00 **The World at One**

1.40 **The Archers** (r) 1.55 Shipping Forecast

2.00 **News; F Division — Coda Four One**: Second of a six-part police drama series by Stephen Mulrine, based on characters created by Peter Turnbull

3.00 **The Afternoon Shift**, with Laurie Taylor

4.00 **News 4.05 Kaleidoscope**: Includes reviews of Amanda Donohoe in *Miss Julie* at the Royal Exchange, Manchester, and Opera North's production of Janáček's *Jenufa*

4.45 **Short Story: Gode's Story**, by A.S. Byatt

5.00 **PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast** 5.55 Weather

6.00 **Six O'Clock News 6.30 The News Quiz** (r)

7.00 **News 7.05 The Archers**

7.20 **The Food Programme**: Cookbooks (r)

7.45 **The Monday Play: Peel's Brimstone**, by Jimmy Murphy. In 1840s Ireland, a young woman has to grow up quickly as the potato blight devastates her father's estate. With Owen Roe, Siobhan Miley and Stanley Townsend

9.15 **Whatever Happened to . . . the Seven Dwarfs?** See Choice

9.30 **Kaleidoscope** (r) 9.59 Weather

10.00 **The World Tonight**, with Robin Lustig

10.45 **Book at Bedtime: The Letters and Diaries of C. Jeannes de la Pluche, Esquire**. See Choice

11.00-11.30 **Devout Sceptics** (FM only): Sir Roger Penrose, a mathematician and physicist (r)

11.00-11.30 **Education Matters** (LW only)

11.30-12.00 **Unofficial Rosie**: Second of a six-part serial by Alan McDonald (r)

12.00am **News**, incl 12.27 Weather

12.30 **The Late Book: The Handmaid's Tale**, by Margaret Atwood (1/10) 12.48 Shipping 1.00 As World Service

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Nice drama, shame about the scheduling

A terrible rotten trick, to schedule **Cracker** (ITV) against *Pride and Prejudice*. Isn't it bad enough that we wait years for drama of this quality? Fisticuffs in every living room, remote controls stamped and crushed underfoot, *Radio Times* drowned in a bucket, "I'm going home to mother!" — and all down to the sheer thoughtlessness of Network Centre.

Had Penhaligon shot Jimmy Beck? Friends departing for America last week told me to ring as soon as I knew. Pale, fragile Geraldine Somerville sitting astride creepy Lorcan Cranitch, holding the revolver to his mouth — well, the tenterhook at the last *Cracker*'s climax had been tentering people like crazy. A glance at the cast list reassured us that Beck was still alive, dammit. But then most people will agree: Beck deserves a fate worse than death, even if he didn't commit the rape. As a hate figure, he is a great creation from Jimmy McGovern, dangerously weak but also guileful, so that he may be overestimated and underestimated at the same time. Cranitch is brilliant in the part. Mental instability suits him horribly well. He takes shifty into new dimensions.

The new story, *Brotherly Love*, concerns sex crimes again. Robbie Coltrane is now a consulting detective, à la Sherlock Holmes. It is extraordinary how we have all come to believe in the psychologist as infallible hero: Fitz's guru-style authority is preposterous, really. At the scene of a prostitute murder, he wearily rattles off the significant factors ("Why a chisel? Was it lying about? No, there's no rust on it. Is he a joiner?") while the police make notes, mute. In no time at all, Fitz has pinpointed the factor which precipitated this murder — "What if the punter can't pay?" This inspiration comes from nowhere. Perhaps he has started dabbling with the psychic arts as well.

Meanwhile the gang is back, the directing is superb (Roy Battersby), and the paradox of the comforting detective story is pushed to its extreme. Classic crime stories offer consolation: they suggest we are protected against evil by logic. *Cracker* posits the most comforting notion of all: even dangerous loonies can be sorted out, if the right fat man asks the right questions. Bliss.

But escapism can take many forms, and Saturday night's **An Audience with Shirley Bassey** (ITV) has its place in heaven, too. Bassey looked so phenomenally good for her age that I found myself mentally revising modern history, in an effort to place her around 30. I just hope this Cuban missile crisis doesn't come to anything.

The "audience with" format is ghastly, of course. The scripted questions from enthusiastic guest celebrities — such as, "How did you get those arms, Shirley?" and "Will you sing *Something* by George Harrison please?" — are a big cringe, and the papering of the house with LWT faces gets on one's nerves. I am impressed that they resist the urge to flash "MAX BYGRAVES" and "DEREK NIMMO" on the screen; it is the logical next step. But the celebrity appreciation shot often deliciously backfires, in any case, since the camera has a knack of picking on people at a moment when they look deeply puzzled, or have just remembered they left the iron on.

REVIEW



Lynne Truss

Shirley modelled three fabulous frocks, and ended with a feather boa of enormous proportions. Anyone switching on and thinking this was a rather unvaried edition of *Stars in their Eyes* will have been jolly impressed by the consistently faithful Shirley Bassey impersonation, every lyrical inflection being precisely the same as it always is. Still, it was an event. It's not often you see teeth that good, let alone the biceps. "You're the sexiest grandmother I've ever seen in my life," said Jimmy Tarbuck (JIMMY TARBUCK), to great applause. Oh what tacky stuff.

An exciting moment in Friday's **Jancis Robinson's Wine Course** (BBC2). An Austrian wine cellar, dimly lit, Jancis sampling Riesling during its fermentation. The winemaker warns her there is not much oxygen in this cellar, and she starts to find she is short of breath. Will she collapse? The winemaker pants. Jancis samples a glass and totters slightly. He suggests they leave. And that's it. If she had only allowed herself to pass out, it would have made television history. Even better if the cameraman had crashed sideways into a barrel and Jancis had screamed for help. But no. Some people have no idea.

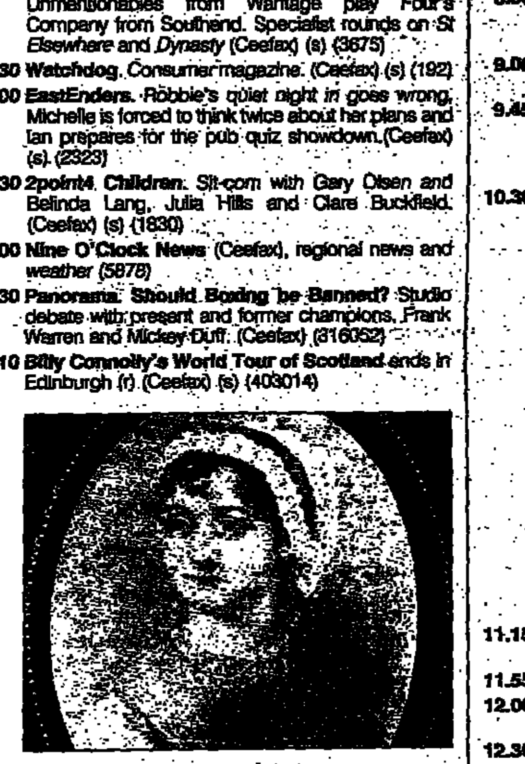
Actually, *Jancis Robinson's Wine Course* (now about halfway through) is thoroughly good television. Each programme tells a fascinating story, and the photography is beautiful. The greatest achievement, however, is to personalise wine-making: Jancis travels the world meeting blokes (surprisingly few with big hooters) who make wine, talk about wine, drink wine, and sometimes flake out in their own cellars. She makes no bones about preferring the ancient art to the modern science, but she always applauds the impulse. If she ever comes to your house, however, here is a tip: hide the chardonnay behind the shed.

What else? Well, Lydia has run off with Wickham, that's all! In last night's **Pride and Prejudice** (BBC1) Mrs Bennet (Alison Steadman) took a whiff from a smelling bottle and recoiled as though shot; and Elizabeth realised she loved Darcy as they exchanged lingering smiles across a Pemberley piano. "I cannot bear to think that he is alive in the world and thinking ill of me." Oh Lizzie. I do hope things turn out for the best!

● Making the Cat Laugh, *a collection of Lynne Truss's columns on single life, is published this week by Hamish Hamilton, £10.99*

BBC1

6.00am Business Breakfast (59651)
7.00 BBC Breakfast News (86600255)
9.05 Kilroy (s) (7272584)
10.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (5805472)
10.05 Housemates (s) (1662878) **10.35 Good Morning with Anne and Nick** (s) (1796101) **12.00 News** (Ceefax) regional news and weather (4101675)
12.05pm Pebble Mill (s) (7413507)
12.50 Regional news (76419679)
1.00 One O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (69101)
1.30 Neighbours (Ceefax) (s) (47538945)
1.55 Knots Landing (s) (7605323)
2.40 The Clothes Show (r) (Ceefax) (s) (7646472)
3.05 The Great British Quiz (s) (8226878)
3.30 Philbert the Frog (r) (s) (1546052) **3.35 Oakie Doke** (s) **3.45 Dear Mr Barker** (s) (4721762) ***4.00 Alvin and the Chipmunks*** (r) (9349168) **4.10 Phantom 2040** (Ceefax) (s) (1593878) **4.35 Grange Hill** (r) (Ceefax) (s) (2288410)
5.00 Newsround (Ceefax) (9447830)
5.10 Blue Peter (Ceefax) (s) (2739385)
5.35 Neighbours (r) (Ceefax) (s) (569897) **Northern Ireland:** Inside Ulster News
6.00 Six O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (588)
6.30 Regional News magazines (168) **Northern Ireland:** Neighbours
7.00 Telly Addicts. Quiz show for television addicts. The Unmentionables from Wantage play Four's Company from Southend. Specialist rounds on *St Elsewhere* and *Dynasty* (Ceefax) (s) (3675)
7.30 Watchdog. Consumer magazine. (Ceefax) (s) (192)
8.00 EastEnders. Robbie's quiet night in goes wrong. Michelle is forced to think twice about her plans and Ian prepares for the pub quiz showdown. (Ceefax) (s) (2323)
8.30 2point4 Children. Sit-com with Gary Olsen and Belinda Lang, Julia Hills and Clare Buckfield. (Ceefax) (s) (1830)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (5878)
9.30 Panorama: Should Boxing be Banned? Studio debate with present and former champions, Frank Warren and Mickey Duff. (Ceefax) (316052)
10.10 Billy Connolly's World Tour of Scotland ends in Edinburgh (r) (Ceefax) (s) (403014)



A celebration of Jane Austen (10.40pm)

10.40 CHOICE **Omnibus. Presumption — The Life of Jane Austen.** (Ceefax) (s) (651897)
11.30 Film 95 with Barry Norman. Featuring Nicole Kidman as an ambitious television weather woman in *To Die For*, and as a hijacker intent on destroying the East Coast of America in Steven Seagal's *Under Siege 2*, and Kevin Kline and Meg Ryan in the romantic comedy *French Kiss*. Barry Norman interviews Tony Scott, the director of *Crimson Tide* (Ceefax) (s) (39472)
12.00 Snooker — Grand Prix. Highlights of the third round (s) (48892)
1.00am Weather (9565076) **Wales:** News headlines (9565076) and weather

BBC2

6.00am Technology Season: Wall To Wall (30236) **6.30** Heavenly Bodies (57878)
7.00 BBC Breakfast News. (Ceefax) (s) (7360269) **7.15 Lassie** (2110566) **7.35 *Pirates Of Dark Water*** (r) (9981743) **8.00 Blue Peter** (r) (s) (3914287)
8.25 Songs Of Praise (r) (Ceefax) (s) (3848217)
9.00 Daytime on Two. Educational programmes. Plus, for children, **10.00-10.25** Playdays (1640656)
2.00 Brum (r) (12286656)
2.10 Tennis. Highlights of the final of the Brighton Ladies' championship (s) (2860743)
3.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (3703007)
3.05 Snooker. The Skoda Grand Prix (s) (6990526) **3.55 News** (Ceefax) and weather (8151120)
4.00 Today's the Day (s) (781)
4.30 Snooker from Sunderland (s) (92588)
5.00 Space Precinct. Gerry Anderson's science-fiction police series. (Ceefax) (s) (465439)
5.45 The O Zone. Pop music magazine (s) (957584)
7.00 People's Century. The impact of Henry Ford's moving car-assembly line, introduced in Detroit in 1924 (r). (Ceefax) (s) (384410)
7.55 Close Up. The director Joe Dante selects a scene from Orson Welles' *Touch of Evil* (s) (457236)
8.00 The Big Lottery Handout. How the decisions are reached about who most deserves the money made by the lottery. (Ceefax) (s) (874859)
8.50 Paul Smith. The British fashion designer deplores the extent to which British talent is neglected at home but exploited abroad (s) (398946)
9.00 The X Files: Firewalker. Science-fiction drama series. (Ceefax) (s) (881675)
9.45 Kicking and Screaming: The Golden Age. British football in the 1930s and 1940s, recalled by Tom Finney, Tommy Lawton, Nat Lofthouse and Sir Stanley Matthews. (Ceefax) (s) (334323)
10.30 Newsnight with Peter Snow. (Ceefax) (607101)



Norman Mailer comes out fighting (11.15pm)

11.15 CHOICE **Face To Face With Norman Mailer** (s) (592965)
11.55 Weather (949149)
12.00 The Midnight Hour with Sir Bernard Ingham. Political chat (s) (48637)
12.30am-6.00 The Learning Zone: Open University — Forecasting the Economy (12724) **1.00** Counting the Cost: The Eurovision Song Contest (85811) **1.30** Empowerment (77778) **2.00 Nightschool:** Access To Learning — Go For It! (56453) **4.00 BBC Focus:** Developing Family Literacy (92818) **4.30** DOH Special (73076) **5.00** Pathways To Care (55182) **5.30** RCN Nursing Update (49366)

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CHOICE



A search for life after GCSE (C4, 6.30pm)

Hollyoaks
Channel 4, 6.30pm

Having invented *Grange Hill* and *Brookside*, Phil Redmond now deals with the age group in between. The heroes and heroines of his new drama are kids in the late teens, past GCSE but not yet settled into the adult world. The opening episode creates some sort of record by being wordless for five minutes. Since a blazing car is at the heart of the sequence, we are immediately gripped. From the initial skirmishes it seems that much of the narrative will concern the joys and otherwise of girlfriends and boyfriends, but as the cast is exceptionally good looking you can understand why the characters should fancy each other. So far the tone is relatively benign but Redmond's sharp-edged dialogue is a warning not to be fooled.

Cutting Edge: Deception
Channel 4, 9.00pm

Nina Stansfield and Simon Marsh suffer from Munchhausen's disorder, a personality defect which makes them invent illnesses in order to be admitted to hospital. Stansfield, a former nurse, has made more than 500 hospital visits in her 41 years and most of them were for bogus complaints. The condition goes further than that. Stansfield once set fire to herself after a hospital refused her treatment and has regularly contemplated suicide. Marsh also tried to take his life, while his condition has led to four prison terms for fraud and deception. Both he and Stansfield see stays in hospital as a way of getting attention. The experts interviewed agree that the disorder is little understood and admit that no treatment is in sight.

Omnibus: Presumption
BBC1, 10.40pm

Randall Wright's workmanlike and reverential trawl through the life of Jane Austen might have been more usefully screened before the start of *Pride and Prejudice*, rather than towards its end. But scheduling has its own particular mysteries. The film adds nothing to the existing sum of knowledge, and recent revisionism that suggests Jane might have been an incestuous lesbian is briefly raised and quickly stamped upon. Otherwise the programme explores the familiar questions. How could such a brilliant writing talent have emerged from a narrow, isolated, provincial life? And why did Jane never marry? The best quote comes from P.D. James, who says the novels are Mills and Boon written by a genius.

Face to Face: Norman Mailer
BBC2, 11.15pm

The erstwhile bar-room brawler of American letters goes the distance with Jeremy Isaacs and wins comfortably on points. A celebrity from the age of 25, when *The Naked and the Dead* became an immediate success, Mailer has long been a regular on the talk show circuit and it shows. He has an answer for everything and often throws in wit as well. Which is not to say that he is always glib or fails to give good value. Whether he is talking about violence in literature or his over-protective mother, Mailer is fluent and pithy. The only question he deflects is about his treatment of his former wives. He says Picasso treated his women even worse. Picasso happens to be the subject of his latest book. **Peter Waymark**

CARLTON

6.00am GMTV (7541323)
9.25 Supermarket Sweep. quiz show (s) (5122149)
9.55 London Today (Teletext) (1650033)
10.00 The Time . . . The Place (s) (9583014)
10.35 This Morning magazine show (39992491)
12.20pm London Today (Teletext) (4107659)
12.30 News (Teletext) and weather (9551014)
12.55 Home and Away (Teletext) (9569033)
1.25 Coronation Street (r) (Teletext) (22365385)
1.55 Shortland Street (91620588)
2.20 Blue Heelers: Luck of the Draw (3689014)
3.20 ITN News headlines (Teletext) (9208697)
3.25 London Today (Teletext) (9416698)
3.30 The Slow Norris (s) (4737323)
3.40 Tots TV (s) (1528656) ***3.50 Wolves, Witches and Giants*** (4748439) **4.05 Sooty And Co** (8164694) **4.30 Where's Wally?** (2290255)
4.50 How 2 (5673472)
5.10 After 5 With Mary Nightingale (1686781)
5.40 News (Teletext) and weather (819439)
5.55 Your Shout. Viewers' opinions (389781)
6.00 Home And Away (r) (Teletext) (656)
6.30 London Tonight (Teletext) (236)
7.00 The Krypton Factor. (Teletext) (s) (8743)



Bill Tarmey and Elizabeth Dawn (7.30pm)

7.30 Coronation Street. The Duckworths want to make a good impression at the brewery. (Teletext) (120)
8.00 Bruce's Price is Right. (Teletext) (s) (7491)
8.30 World in Action. This year there will be fewer weddings in Britain than at any time since the Second World War and nearly two out of five children are now being born out of wedlock. *World in Action* has commissioned a nationwide poll, asking whether marriage is becoming an outdated institution in Britain. (Teletext) (s) (6526)
9.00 Cracker: Brotherly Love (Part 2 of 3). A second murder takes place while the chief suspect for the first is in custody. (Teletext) (s) (5174)
10.00 ITN News at Ten (Teletext) and weather (83656)
10.30 London Tonight. (Teletext) (386236)
10.40 The Good Sex Guide Abroad. (Teletext) (s) (102255)
11.10 Traps: Retirement Party (r) (973781)
12.10am Short Story Cinema (8735618)
12.40 Endsleigh League Extra (7974502)
1.25 Sport AM (3973095)
2.20 Quiz Night (9725366)
2.45 FILM: Please, Let the Flowers Live (1986). A French lawyer believes fate has given him a second chance when he survives an air crash. He decides to start a new life. With Klaus-Jurgen Wussow, Birgit Doll, Hannelore Elsner and directed by Duccio Tessari (509502)
4.25 On The Live Side (r) (s) (20605057)
4.30 Best Of British Motorsport (24687618)
4.55 The Chrystal Rose Show (r) (s) (9113569)
5.30 *ITN Morning News.* Ends at 6.00 (36892)

CHANNEL 4

6.35am Heathcliff (r) (6493410)
7.00 The Big Breakfast (82052)
9.00 Sabotage. Quiz for women (r) (s) (93033)
9.30 Mork and Mindy (r) (28217)
10.00 Saved by the Bell: The New Class. Screech is scared of donating his blood (r) (1668052)
10.25 The Legend of White Fang (r) (3874897)
10.50 The Pink Panther Show (s) (3102762)
11.15 Little Shop (r) (5141491) **11.40 Dennis** (2070781) **11.50 Terrytoons** (2076965)
12.00 Australia Wild The wombat (13897)
12.30pm Sesame Street With Julia Roberts (97236)
1.30 Gumdrop followed by **Ivor the Engine, The Magic Roundabout** and **Roobarb** (91618743)
1.50 The Vertical Load A freight operator suffers from horizontal dreams (25701410) **1.55 Stopa.** A woman becomes romantically involved with a statue (91637878)
2.15 FILM: The Real Glory (1939, b/w). Henry Hathaway's action-adventure starring Gary Cooper as an army doctor caring for Filipinos in the aftermath of the American-Spanish War (Teletext) (580149)
4.00 Think Tank. Quiz. (Teletext) (s) (149)
4.30 Fifteen to One (Teletext) (s) (753)
5.00 Golden Girls (r) (Teletext) (s) (6149)
5.30 Nurses (r) (Teletext) (s) (385)
6.00 Roseanne. American sit-com (526)
6.30 CHOICE **Hollyoaks.** (Teletext) (s) (878)
7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) (386878)
7.55 The Slot. Viewers' video soapbox (442304)
8.00 Desperately Seeking Something: McCarthy's Witch Hunt. The second of a four-part exploration of alternative beliefs by Pete McCarthy. (Teletext) (s) (5033)
8.30 Baby It's You: Word of Mouth. How newborn babies transform their first gurgles and whimpers into effective storytelling as two-year-olds (r). (Teletext) (s) (4168)



Nina Stansfield fakes illness (9.00pm)

9.00 CHOICE **Cutting Edge: Deception.** (Teletext) (s) (8236)
10.00 Homicide — Life on the Street. Baltimore police drama series. (Teletext) (s) (9639410)
11.05 The American Football Big Match. Gary Imlach presents coverage of the AFC game between Kansas City Chiefs and the Broncos in Denver; while the Minnesota Vikings meet the Green Bay Packers in the NFC Central (s) (282526)
12.20am Trans World Sport (r) (6203347)
1.25 Evening Shade: The Resurrection of Wood Newton. American comedy series starring Burt Reynolds and Marilu Henner (r) (s) (3183705)
1.55 FILM: The Big Lift (1950, b/w). Director George Seaton's post-Second World War drama about the Berlin airlift gains in realism by the on-location photography. Montgomery Clift and Paul Douglas star as sparring American pilots, running the Soviet blockade and romancing the local women (14696347). Ends at **4.05**

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 12.55 *Coronation Street* (9569033) **1.25** Home and Away (22368385) **1.55-2.20** A Country Practice (91620588) **5.10-5.40** Shortland Street (1686781) **6.25** Anglia Weather (537491) **6.30-7.00** Anglia News (236) **10.40** Cover Story (102255) **11.10** The Good Sex Guide Abroad (758439) ***11.40 Hunter*** (688236) **1.25am** Film: The Naked Lie (488291) **3.55** Best of British Motorsport (75052415) **4.25** The Time .. the Place (74217298) **4.55** The New Adventures of He-Man (9113569)

CENTRAL
As London except: 1.55-2.20 *A Country Practice* (91620588) **3.25-3.30** Central News (9416698) **5.10-5.40** Shortland Street (1686781) **6.25-7.00** Central News and Weather (704965) **10.40** The Millionaires (102255) **11.10** The Good Sex Guide Abroad (758439) **11.40** Crime Story (940588) **4.25** Jobfinder (4263892) **5.10** Asian Eye (5162724)

GRANADA
As London except: 12.55-1.25 Shortland Street (9569033) **1.25** Home and Away (22368385) ***1.55*** *Father Dowling Investigates* (6243052) **2.00-3.20** Gardeners' Diary (8598217) ***5.10-5.40*** *A Country Practice* (1686781) **6.25** Granada Tonight (704965) **11.10** The Sporting Press (393697) **11.25** *There's Only One Brian Moore* (964033) **12.25am** Pop Profile (4559724)

HTV WEST
As London except: 12.55-1.20 Shortland Street (5725385) **1.20** Coronation Street (22367014) **2.20-3.20** Side Effects (3689014) **5.10-5.40** What's My Line? (1686781) **6.30-7.00** HTV News (236) **10.45** The West Story (245694) **11.15** Limited Edition (242507) ***11.45 Spotlight*** (241878) **12.15am** Good Advice (2322076)

HTV WALES
As HTV WEST except: 5.10-5.40 Surprise Chefs (1686781) **6.30-7.00** Wales Tonight (236) **10.45** One Foot on the Road to Everest (212526) **11.45** Street Legal (949859)

MERIDIAN
As London except: 12.55 *Coronation Street* (9569033) **1.25** Home and Away (22368385) **1.55** A Country Practice (47531033) **2.25-3.20** Blue Heelers (2876304) **3.25-3.30** Meridian News and Weather (9416698) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (1686781) **6.00** Meridian Tonight (656) **6.30-7.00** Behind the Scenes with Penelope Keith (236) **10.30** Meridian News and Weather (377588) **10.45** The Pier (188675) **11.15** The Good Sex Guide Abroad (242507) **11.45** Breaking Point (241878) **12.15am** Short Story Cinema (2322076) **1.25** Film: The Naked Lie (486291) **3.55** Best of British Motorsport (75052415) **4.25** The Time . the Place (74217298) **4.55** Freescreen (9113569)

WESTCOUNTRY
As London except: 12.55 Coronation Street (9569033) **1.25** Home and Away (22368385) **1.55** High Road (47531033) **2.25** Gardeners' Diary (44632694) **2.50-3.20** A Country Practice (8598217) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (1686781) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (32410) **11.10** Fair's Fair (758439) **11.40** Side Effects (688236)

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 12.55 Coronation Street (9569033) **1.25** Home and Away (22368385) **1.55** A Country Practice (91620588) **2.20** An Invitation to Remember... the Entertainers (44624675) **2.50** Help Yourself (1122287) **2.55-3.20** Shortland Street (7654491) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (1686781) ***5.55*** *Calendar* (335728) **6.30-7.00** The Dales Diary (236) **10.40** New Voices: Adam's Story (102255) **11.10** The Good Sex Guide Abroad (758439) **11.40** Prisoner Cell Block H (940588) **12.35am** Endsleigh League Extra (7982521) **1.20** Film: Sartana (Pray for Your Death, Sartana) (210250) **2.55** The New Music (4813618) **3.50** Recollections (80674279) **4.15** Jobfinder (9171231)

S4C
Starts: 7.00 The Big Breakfast (82052) **9.00** Sabotage (93033) **9.30** Mork And Mindy: Hold That Mork (28217) **10.00** Saved by the Bell: The New Class (1668052) ***10.25*** The Legend of White Fang (3874897) **10.50** The Pink Panther Show (3102762) **11.15** Little Shop of Horrors (5141491) ***11.40*** Dennis (2070781) **11.50** Mighty Heroes (2076965) **12.00pm** Right to Reply (13897) **12.30** Katie and Orbie (22033) **1.00** Slot Meithrin: Sali Mali (92439) **1.30** Garden Doctors (21304) **2.00** Film: *Don't Make Waves* (299385) **3.50** Terrytoons (1548410) **4.00** Think Tank (149) **4.30** Masterclass: Kites (5695694) ***4.45*** Rocko's Modern Life (5690149) **5.00** 5 Pump: Rownd a Rownd (9470168) **5.10** 5 Pump: *Ffeil* (9469052) **5.20** 5 Pump: Tocharen (6056033) **5.30** Fifteen to One (385) **6.00** Newyddion (400651) **6.15** Hano (494694) **7.00** Pobol Y Cwm (755120) **7.25** Y Byd Ar Bedwar (880728) **8.00** Fo A Fe (5033) ***8.30*** *Newyddion* (4168) **9.00** Homicide — Life on the Streets: The City That Bleeds (8236) **10.00** Sgorio (9639410) ***11.05*** The American Football (282526) **12.20am** Frasier: You Scratch My Book (8758569) **12.50** Friends: The One With the Birth (9575645)

SATELLITE

SKY ONE
7.00am DJ Kat (18675) **8.00** Mighty Morphin (47878) **8.30** Jeopardy (46149) **9.00** Court TV (20101) **9.30** Oprah Winfrey (39149) **10.30** Blockbusters (26385) **11.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (34439) ***12.00 Spellbound*** (40965) **12.30pm** Designing Women (73781) **1.00** Waltons (78236) **2.00** Geraldo (70743) **3.00** Court TV (3520) **3.00** Oprah Winfrey (7428656) **4.20** Kids TV (6741149) **5.00** Star Trek (1472) **6.00** Mighty Morphin (7156) **6.30** Spellbound (1588) **7.00** LAPD (2101) **7.30** *M*A*S*H* (7912) **8.00** Saturday Night (8149) **8.30** Revelations (7656) **9.00** Police Rescue (28255) **10.00** *Star Trek* (96014) ***11.00*** *Law and Order* (15304) **12.00** Late Show with David Letterman (5925434) **12.45am** Glory Enough For All (7783521) **1.30** Anything But Love (75989) **2.00** Hit Mix (3943927)

SKY NEWS
News on the hour.
6.00am Sunrise *(65971101)* ***10.10*** *60 Minutes* (21213052) (30762) **1.30pm** News (83472) **2.30** Parliament Live (50526) (73217) **5.00** Live at Five (26694) **6.30** Adam Boulton (2830) (8968101) **8.10** 60 Minutes (416859) ***11.30*** *News* (68859) **12.30am** News (90786) **1.30** Adam Boulton (8533281) **2.10** CBS 60 Minutes (7349298) **3.30** Parliament Replay (34076) **4.30** News (91724) **5.30** News (65182)

SKY MOVIES
6.00am Showcase (1136697) **10.00 To My Daughter** (1991) (84897) **12.00 Dear Heart** *(1964)* (84946) **2.00pm Harper Valley PTA** (1978) (12694) **4.00 Oh God!** (1977) (6304) **6.00 To My Daughter** (1991): As 10am (64217) **7.30 Close-Up: Striking Distance** (5168) **8.00 Roseanne and Tom: A Hollywood Marriage** (1994) (92025) **10.00 The Real McCoy** (1993) (651033) **11.45 High Lonesome** (282472) **1.20am Lush Life** (1993) (481182) **3.00 TC 2000** (1993) (51588) **4.30-6.00 Oh God!** (1977): As 4pm (98279)

SKY MOVIES GOLD
12.00 Lonely Are the Brave (1962) (55039) **2.00pm The Informer** (1935) (87946) **4.00 Back To Bataan** (1945) (5236) ***6.00 Road To Rio*** (1947) (90410) **8.00 The Jerk** (1979) (58205) **10.00 The French Connection** (1971) (831217) **11.50 A Bridge Too Far** (1977) (82987675) **2.45-4.00am The Lost Patrol** (1934) (9619611)

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
6.00am Tarzan's Secret Treasure (1941) (34236) **8.00 Prancer** (1989) (92965) **10.00 Wind Dancer** (1993) (82439) **12.00 Against All Flags** (1952) (82588) **2.00pm Tarzan's Secret Treasure** (1941) As 6am (10236) **4.00 Prancer** (1989). As 8am (4946) **6.00 Official Denial** (1993) (90472) **8.00 What's Eating Gilbert Grape?** (1994) (92007) **10.00 Dark Angel — The Ascent** (1994) (74694) ***11.30 Rich in Love*** (1993) (973052) **1.20am Death in Small Doses** (1993) (759095) ***2.55 Where Are My Children?*** (1994) (411873) **4.30-6.00 The Gypsy Warriors** (1978) (87521)

THE DISNEY CHANNEL
Sky Movies Gold takes over from 10pm to 4am.
6.00am Umbrella Tree (91716033) **6.30** Muppet Babies (13390526) **7.00** Pooh (59200365) **7.30** Ducktales (59212120) **8.00** *Chip 'n' Dale* (24584946) **8.30** Wonderland (24583217) **9.00** Fraggle Rock (24507897) **9.30** Pooh Corner (91484101) ***10.00*** Dumbo's Circus (13381878) **10.30** Donald (24596781) **11.00** Walt Disney (59236168) **12.00** *FILM* The Horse Without a Head (13361014) **2.00pm** Wonderland (65252033) **2.30** Umbrella Tree (23492965) ***3.00 Fraggle*** Rock (65271168) **3.30** Winnie the Pooh (23497410) **4.00** Donald (23483217) **4.30** Ducktales (23472101) ***5.00*** Chip 'n' Dale (65243385) **5.30** Danger Bay (23496781) ***6.00*** *Tarzan* (23493694) ***6.30*** *Dinosaurs* (23484946) **7.00** Boy Meets World (65263149) **7.30** Thunder Alley (23473830) **8.00-10.00** FILM. Davy Crockett (21428304)

SKY SPORTS
7.00am World Sport (42472) **7.30** Speed (61507) **8.00** Powerboat (65859) **8.30** Aerobics (57830) **9.00** Watersports (90656) **10.00** Basketball (11110) **12.00** Aerobics (88846) **12.30pm** Goals (587120) **3.30** Finish Line (7168) ***4.00*** *American Sports* (19033) **5.00** Max Out (8781) **5.30** Windsurfing (6439) **6.00** Sports Centre (6052) ***6.30*** *Tartan* (8761743) **7.55** Sports Centre (628782) **8.00** Football (48033) ***10.00*** *Sports Centre* (69675) ***10.30*** *Tartan* (25491) **12.00** Football (17960) **2.00-2.45am** Sports (7855502)

EUROSPORT
7.30am Rhythmic Gymnastics (58897) **8.30** *Tennis* (35878) ***10.00*** *Rallycross* (52859) **11.00** Formula 1 (65323) **12.00** Motorcycling (61615) **1.00pm** Cycling (81385) **2.00** Body Building (41120) **4.00** Aerobics (10471) **5.00** Touring Car (4209) **5.30** Formula 1 (65471) **6.30** News (2472) **7.00** Speedworld (53985) **8.00** Live Cycling (235120) **11.00** Football (53588) **12.00-12.30am** News (16847)

SKY SOAP
8.00am *Loving* (4214033) ***8.30*** Peyton Place (4213304) **9.00** As the World Turns (6186410) **10.00** Guiding Light (2662830) **11.00-12.00** Another World (2682594)



Gene Hackman, Roy Scheider (Sky Movies Gold, 10.00pm)

SKY TRAVEL
12.00 Video Trips (4217120) **12.30pm** Boomerang (5377304) **1.00** Paradise (2686410) ***1.30*** *Pierre Franey* (5378675) **2.00** Getaway (1138120) **2.30** On Top (8373149) **3.00** Ladakh (4635033) ***4.00*** *Sky Travel (pt 20.30)* (8357101) **4.30** Colorado River (9353385) **5.00** Trailside (1129472) ***5.30*** *Around the World* (9377965) ***6.00*** *On Top* (9374878) **6.30** Whicker's World (9358830) **7.00** Hong Kong (1149236) **7.30** Getaway (9354014) **8.00** Around the World (1125656) **8.30** Sky Travel (1137491) **9.00** Floyd On Oz (4643052) **9.30** Whicker's World (4707033) **10.30** Trailside (4234897) **11.00** Globetrotter (4655897) **11.30-12.00am** American Adventurer (4304830)

TLC
9.00am Painting (7868297) **9.30** Martha Stewart (7434762) **10.00** Our House (1598101) ***10.30*** Get Well Soon (7857781) **11.00** Only Human (9343439) **12.00** Psychology (7848033) ***12.30pm*** *Jimmy's* (4513588) **1.30** Painting (7444149) **2.00** Healing (3023588) ***2.45*** *Draw With Don* (2180746) **3.00** Cyril Fletcher (9374439) **3.30-4.00** Our House (7561168)

UK GOLD
7.00am *Mama* (6317014) ***7.30*** Neighbours (9336149) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (7847304) **8.30** EastEnders (7846675) **9.00** The Bill (7860255) **9.30** The Sullivans (7436120) **10.00** Secret Army (9325033) **11.00** Dallas (9345897) **12.00** Sons (7840491) **12.30pm** Neighbours (7447236) ***1.00*** *EastEnders* (6316385) ***1.30*** *The Bill* (7445507) **2.00** The Sullivans (51312507) **2.25** Are You Being Served? (8684878) **3.00** Angels (9376897) **3.30** Eldorado (7563526) **4.00** Casualty (79844287) **5.05** Every Second Counts (4520830) **5.45** Are You Being Served? (4853168) **6.25** EastEnders (9694255) **7.00** Eldorado (9368878) **7.30** Bless This House (7549946) **8.00** Angels (9377526) **8.30** Alas Smith and Jones (9356033) **9.00** Capital City (1977410) **10.00** The Bill (2540491) **10.35** Special Branch (51771014) ***11.40*** *KYTV* (7027526) **12.20am** Dr Who (2283057) **12.50** FILM. Countess Dracula: Aristocratic horror Down (7720786) **2.25-3.30** Shopping (42847453)

TCC
6.00am *Sesame Street* (22781) **7.00** Barney (77743) **7.30** Sonic (95878) **8.00** Sweet Valley (25255) **8.30** The Tick (24526) **9.00** Top Toons Room (15878) **9.30** Where's Wally? (33762) **10.00** Garfield (48743) **10.30** *Art Attack* (6358033) ***10.45*** *Dash* (6354588) **11.00** AJ's Time Travellers (71897) **11.30** Hang Time (72526) **12.00** California Dreams (95014) **12.30pm** Bill and Ted (44878) **1.00** Sonic (76014) **1.30** Pink Panther (43149) **2.00-5.00** Ready or Not (960192)

NICKELODEON
7.00am Batfink (8015236) **7.05** Hero Turtles (7721101) **7.45** Rugrats (721439) **8.15** The Ferals (898675) **8.45** Count Duckula (4937728) ***9.00*** *Nick Jr* (593781) **12.00** Lunchbox (86588) **12.30pm** Pee Wee (99304) **1.00** The Ferals (49385) **1.30** Dungeons (98675) **2.00** Denver (12743) **3.00** Count Duckula (1878) **3.30** North Wind (8410) **4.00** Hero Turtles (4217) **4.30** Rugrats (3101) **5.00** Clarissa (6323) **5.30** Aaagh! Real Monsters (7781) **6.00** Doug (4694) **6.30-7.00** Are You Afraid? (5946)

DISCOVERY
4.00pm The Global Family (7540675) **4.30** Earthfile (7546859) **5.00** Lonely Planet (9358491) **6.00** Invention (8673762) **6.35** Beyond 2000 (6892694) **7.30** Flight Deck (7547588) ***8.00*** *Untamed Africa* (1962588) **9.00** The Astronomers (1975052) **10.00** *Dinosaurs!* (7849762) **10.30** Jurassica (7858410) **11.00** Mysteries, Magic and Miracles (5780014) **11.30-12.00** Wars in Peace (1594385)

BRAVO
12.00 FILM: Creature of the Walking Dead (43280994) **1.25am** Behave Yourself (3990994) **2.00** The Saint (1593856) **3.00** Robin Hood (9361965) **3.30** The Protectors (7558694) **4.00** FILM: For Better, For Worse (3935897) **5.30** Scotland Yard (7557965) ***6.00*** *Death Valley Days* (7554878) ***6.30*** Man in a Suitcase (1986875) **7.30** Robin Hood (7534014) **8.00** The Saint (1959014) **9.00** Jason King (1979678) **10.00-12.00** FILM: The Masque of the Red Death: With Vincent *Price* (5796875)

UK LIVING
6.00am Woman's Cancer Challenge Appeal (3782385) **8.00** Magazine (8872323) **9.00** All Well (7811965) ***9.30*** *Kate* (1023472) **10.00** Hearts of Gold (4683675) **10.50** Entertainment Now (40172255) **11.00** The Young and the Restless (4435859) **11.55** Masterchef (6402946) **12.30pm** Brookside (4855781) ***1.05*** *Kilroy* (6263236) ***2.00*** *Agony* (4340033) **3.00** Magazine (8893507) **3.30** Amanda's Beauty Shop (9619410) **4.00** Infatuation UK (9605217) **4.30** Crosswits (7555120) **5.05** The Joker's Wild **5.30** Bewitched (9618781) ***6.00*** *Esther* (9615894) ***6.30*** *Brookside* (3309879) **7.05** Crosswits (3119526) **7.35** The Joker's Wild (6637014) **8.00** The Young and the Restless (2964385) **9.00** FILM: Dollhouse Murders (17520236) **10.50** *Entertainment Now* (6312323) ***11.00-12.00*** *Dangerous Women* (1730014)

FAMILY CHANNEL
5.00pm The Wonder Years (9439) **5.30** Tintin (349120) **5.50** Batman (890101) **6.25** *Catchphrase* (417052) ***7.00*** Through the Keyhole (9675) **7.30** The Fall Guy (69439) **8.30** Home To Roost (7830) **9.00** The Beiderbecke Connection (91149) **10.00** Busman's Holiday (96743) **10.30** Moonlighting (89697) **11.30** Batman (77255) **12.00** The Fall Guy (60076) **1.00am** Zorro (36540) **1.30** Rhoda (46416) **2.00** Moonlighting (70144) **3.00** Rhoda (23076) **3.30** Zorro (19778) **4.00** The Wonder Years (16811) ***4.30-5.00*** *The Black Stallion* (24705)

MTV
5.00am Awake (82163) **6.30** The Grind (66149) **7.00** 3 From 1 (7574410) **7.15** Awake (5099385) **8.00** VJ Maria (409878) ***11.00*** *Soul* (74856) **12.00** *Greatest Hits* (25743) **1.00pm** Music Non-Stop (34491) ***2.00*** *3 from 1* (16472472) ***2.15*** *Music Non-Stop* (2356120) **3.00** Cinematic (5727656) ***3.15*** *Hanging Out* (6372410) ***4.00*** *News* (3129946) **4.15** Hanging Out (3142897) **4.30** Dial MTV (1385) **5.00** Hit List UK (18965) **7.00** Greatest Hits (97323) **8.00** Boy Bands and Screaming Fans (2651) **8.30** TLC Past, Present and Future (6588) **9.00** Real World London (53491) **9.30** Beavis (26472) **10.00** *News* (464385) ***10.15*** *Cinematic* (492168) **10.30** Reggae (14149) **11.00** The End? (71878) ***12.30am*** *Videos* (5500076)

VH-1
7.00am Power Breakfast (2685781) **9.00** Cafe VH-1 (1304255) **12.00** Heart and Soul (5396897) ***1.00*** *Vinyl* (5374217) **2.00pm** Gary Moore (4318033) **3.00** Into the Music (2959946) **6.00** VH-1-2-3 (5387781) **7.00** VH-1 For You (2809101) **8.00** Album Chart (2829965) **10.00** Backtrack 1972 (4227507) **10.30** Extreme (4236255) ***11.00*** *The Nightfly* (4638410) **1.00** Mickie Most (5599231) **2.00** Dawn Patrol

CMT EUROPE
Country music from **6am** to **7pm**, including **5.00pm** Saturday Nite Dance Ranch **6.00-7.00** Big Ticket

ZEE TV
7.00am Asian Morning (99777977) **9.30** *Public Demand* (62581897) ***9.30*** *Hero Kal, Aaj Aur Kal* (45343507) **10.00** Urdu Serial Kashkool (95817061) **11.00** Galaxzee (99872255) **11.30** Film Chakker (99840656) **12.00** Campus (54540897) **12.30pm** Khana *Khazana* (45347323) ***1.00*** *Hindi Movie:* Hasthon Ki Lakeeren (96504168) **4.00** Khubsoorat (10886217) **4.30** Junglee Toofan Tyre Puncture (10875101) **5.00** Zee Zone (66597236) **5.30** Gujarati Serial, Undhiyun (10899781) ***6.00*** *Campus* (10896694) **6.30** Zee and U (10867946) **7.00** Parampara (97780101) **8.00** News (66586120) **8.30** Yule Love Stories (66505255) **9.00** Hindi Movie: Salaami (38033743) **11.30-12.00** Urdu Stage Play: Kangley Paraone (23803526)

CARTOON NETWORK/TNT
Continuous cartoons from 5am to 9pm, then TNT films as below.
9.00pm Young Bess (1953). Drama (21425217) **11.00 The Strip** (1951) With Mickey Rooney (48835526) **12.30am Glory Alley** (1952) *Intrigue* (90718618) **2.00-3.50 The Stork Club** (1945): A girl saves the life of a millionaire (30748076)

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ITC in disarray over naming of Channel 5 winner

BY MARTIN WALLER

THE *Independent Television Commission* has failed to reach agreement over the identity of the bidder that will operate Channel 5, which is due to start broadcasting at the beginning of 1997.

A meeting of the ITC broke up in apparent disarray last week, leaving the commission unable to give the thumbs-up to UKTV, a consortium dominated by Canadian interests *that has outbid its main rivals.*

UKTV has bid £36.3 million to operate Channel 5 and is regarded as the most likely candidate, outbidding the two nearest runners-up by more than £10 million a year. But the ITC board meeting last Thursday was not followed by a firm decision.

Industry observers believed that UKTV had been in talks with the ITC over the past three weeks and it was thought to have convinced the commission on key issues of financing, programming and ownership.

UKTV had thought that earlier doubts about the consortium's overwhelming foreign ownership, approaching 90 per cent if minority holdings of the constituent companies are taken into account, and about its financial stability given the high value of the bid had been overcome. The consortium was therefore on notice for a formal award of the licence as early as last Friday. But it is believed the possible takeover of SelecTV, *the independent production company that* has 20 per cent of UKTV, may have delayed the award of the licence. SelecTV, responsible for TV hits such as *Birds of a Feather* and *Lovejoy*, announced an approach from an unnamed bidder ten days ago.

Any change of ownership of such a significant shareholder in the consortium might force the ITC to think again. It has until the *end of next month to* award the licence, and sources insist the deadline will be met.

Other bidders for Channel 5 hope a disqualification for UKTV, which is dominated by CanWest, *might leave them with a* chance. The two highest bidders after UKTV are a consortium led by the media groups Pearson and MAI and one fronted by Richard Branson's Virgin Group. Both bid £22.002 million for the licence.

If UKTV is disqualified because of the uncertainty surrounding SelecTV, the two would be allowed to submit alternative tenders, but other entrants would not be allowed to rebid. Under these circumstances, the Pearson/MAI consortium is thought to have the edge.

"It's all extremely frustrating, because people don't know if they have jobs or not," said a source close to one of the other bidders. *Industry speculation was of a dis*agreement between the executive board of the ITC, chaired by Sir George Russell, and lay members appointed from the industry.

The question of programming costs has apparently already been settled. UKTV is looking at a cost of £10,000-£12,000 per hour of broadcasting, in line with its competitors for the licence, but a little lower than most. By comparison, programming on ITV's Channel 3 costs about £40,000 an hour.

Potential bidders for SelecTV include MAI, Lord Hollick's TV-to-moneybroking combine, which already has a small stake in the company, and, Pearson. Associated Newspapers, publisher of the *Daily Mail and also a SelecTV shareholder, is thought* to have ruled itself out of the fray.

City awaits pricing of new gilt

The City nervously awaits the outcome of the Bank of England's £3 billion auction of 8 per cent 20-year gilts on Wednesday.

Failure of the September auction, when the issue was not fully covered, rocked financial markets, as it raised the spectre of Government funding problems as the budget deficit was deteriorating.

The September public sector borrowing requirement (PSBR) of £3.7 billion was worse that expected and was marked by a big shortfall in tax receipts.

Several analysts raised their PSBR forecasts for the current fiscal year. Some believe the Bank will price the October stock issue more attractively to ensure it does not suffer a second month with its auction uncovered.

Lovell chief going early

YJ Lovell, the construction company, said Robert Sellier, the chief executive, would be retiring at the end of November, almost nine months early. His successor is David Heppell, president of Lovell America. George Miller, who was first choice, has not accepted the post "for personal reasons," although he is expected to remain with the company.

Lovell said yesterday Mr Sellier's retirement had been brought forward as a result of the reducing of operations, particularly in private housebuilding.

Fruitful Asda

Asda is taking the price war to the fruit-and-veg sector. From today the retailer is reducing the price of its bananas from 25p per lb to 19p — a 15-year low. Over the last two weeks the price of a typical selection of Asda fruit and vegetables has fallen up to 18 per cent, the company said.

KPN price

The second tranche of shares offered in KPN, the Dutch post and telecommunications group, was more than two times oversubscribed and the Government yesterday set the new share price at 55 guilders.

French bid for Northumbrian to be cleared

BY ERIC REGULY

THE Government's expected approval of a French utility's bid for Northumbrian Water this week could trigger a broad assault on the privatised water industry, which has escaped the spate of takeovers that have shaken the electricity sector.

Ian Lang, President of the Board of Trade, is likely to allow Lyonnaise des Eaux to launch a takeover offer for Northumbrian on the condition that the merger leads to customer discounts. In July, Ofwat, the water regulator, told Lyonnaise that any bid would be blocked unless customers' bills eventually fall by 10 per cent to 15 per cent.

Lyonnaise wants an agreed deal with Northumbrian but is prepared to mount a hostile takeover attempt if the water company, led by David Cranston, the chief executive, balks at its opening offer.

The French company is thought to be preparing a bid of 1050p to 1100p per share. Northumbrian's shares closed on Friday at 985p, valuing the company at about £688 million.

Lyonnaise will not be able to set the precise value of the bid until it reviews the conditions set by the government. If, for example, it allows Lyonnaise to phase in the customer discounts over several years, Lyonnaise might be prepared to offer a high price. But if full discounts apply immediately, Lyonnaise might offer only a small premium, or even end its pursuit of the company.

Customer rebates of 15 per cent would cost Northumbrian about £50 million over the next four years: a 20 per cent reduction would cost about £70 million.

The share prices of the privatised water companies on the Stock Exchange have climbed substantially since Lyonnaise disclosed its intention in the spring to bid for Northumbrian. Anglian Water, whose low for the year was 443p, is now at 573p and has been as high as 603p. Yorkshire Water, whose low was 472p, ended trading on Friday at 646p.

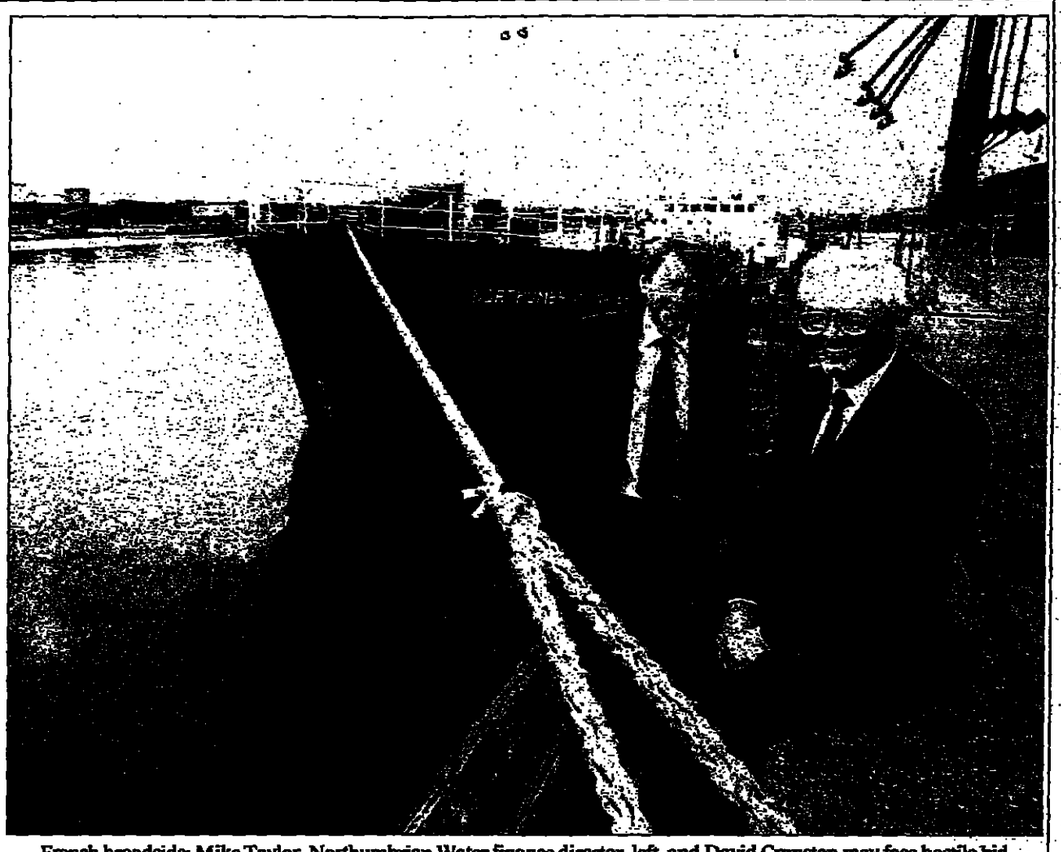
Richard Bernstein, an analyst at Amber Analysis, publisher of the *Amber News* stock newsletter, thinks the water sector is ripe for takeovers even though they face enormous expenditures over the next few years to improve their sewage treatment plants and pipeline networks.

He notes that most of the water companies are still financially strong: their retained profits are high compared with their market capitalisations. Mr Bernstein says: "This balance sheet strength is likely to attract significant corporate attention in the coming weeks."

The water companies, like the electricity companies, would also create tax advantages for buyers with accumulated trading losses. *Amber News* has suggested that Welsh Water, Yorkshire Water and South West Water are the most vulnerable to takeovers because of their relative value.

Other analysts think the water sector will never experience the merger frenzy that has gripped the electricity industry. A merger between Lyonnaise and Northumbrian, they note, makes sense because the companies have operations in the same region. Lyonnaise acquired North East Water, a statutory water company, in 1989 and would save costs by combining certain operations with Northumbrian.

Bouygues, the French construction company, is in a similar situation. It operates water companies in Britain through its Saur subsidiary and may be tempted to buy a privatised water company to create economies of scale. Generale des Eaux, which is Lyonnaise's main rival in France, might also consider takeovers, even though it has no water businesses in Britain.



French broadside: Mike Taylor, Northumbrian Water finance director, left, and David Cranston may face hostile bid

Regional trading fears dismissed

BY COLIN NARBROUGH, WORLD TRADE CORRRESPONDENT

FEARS that regional trading blocs could threaten multilateral free trade were dismissed at the weekend by representatives of the world's four leading trading powers meeting at Ripley Castle in Yorkshire.

The so-called "Quad" group, comprising the European Union, America, Canada and Japan, concluded that the emergence of regional trading pacts would, in fact, foster freer world trade, not present new obstacles.

The officials spent two days deliberating on the direction of world trade after the establishment this year of the World Trade Organisation (WTO) and the implementation of the Uruguay round accord to liberalise a trade in a range of new areas.

Participants were Sir Leon Brittan, the European Trade Commissioner, Mickey Kantor, the US Trade Representative, Roy MacLaren, the Canadian Trade Minister, and Ryutaro Hashimoto, the Japanese Trade Minister.

On the question of China joining the WTO, no progress was made, in spite of Sir Leon's efforts to persuade Washington to ease its tough stance against Chinese entry.

Mr Kantor said that no big trading nation had been impressed by Peking's offer to the WTO, and that China had to start acting on a "commercially reasonable basis".

America clashed again with Japan during the meetings over whether the bilateral trade agreements between to the two countries on microchips would be renewed next year.

Rentokil's US chief leaves unexpectedly

BY OUR CITY STAFF

RENTOKIL, the environmental services and property care group, has unexpectedly parted with the head of its diverse American operations.

Michael Holmes, regional managing director for America, cleared his desk two weeks ago, but the company has yet to make a Stock Exchange announcement. A company spokesman said an announcement will be made this week.

Roger Payne, one of the UK regional directors, will replace Mr Holmes. The reasons for Mr Holmes's departure are not yet clear, but his replacement — and a number of other organisational changes expected this week — is likely to increase the unease about Rentokil's strategy. It will also raise doubts about its ability to continue to meet chief executive Clive Thompson's target of increasing earnings by 20 per cent each year.

ISS, the London-listed Danish group that is the world's biggest contract cleaner, last month announced the surprise departure of Dennis Spina, head of its North American operations, when it discovered that the division had run into serious financial problems which are expected to burden the group balance sheet.

The announcement regarding management changes at Rentokil may also contain an update on current trading, although a company spokesman denied there would be a warning on profits for the current financial year, which ends on December 31.

In 1994 Rentokil's North American activities earned £17 million before tax on turnover of £124.5 million.

Rentokil has been investing heavily in the development of a global security business to trade alongside its traditional interests in pest control, healthcare and tropical plants. The £75.2 million takeover of Securiguard in 1993 has been followed by a series of bolt-on acquisitions. The biggest was the $51.5 million purchase of the manned guarding activities in North America of Mayne Nickless.

Last Friday, Rentokil paid £19.7 million to buy GMIC, Belgium's second-largest security business.



Thompson: earnings target

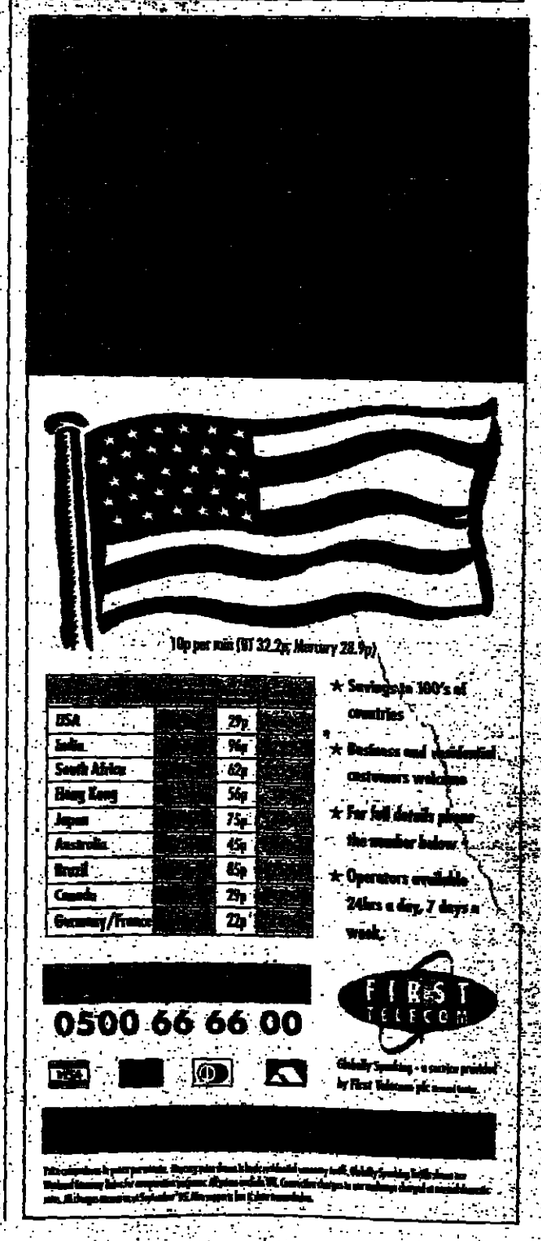
Late deal in sight at Scholl

BY ERIC REGULY

SCHOLL and the rebel shareholders who own 15 per cent of the medical products company were locked in negotiations yesterday in an effort to reach a compromise before tomorrow's extraordinary meeting in London.

The rebels, the UK Active Value Continuation Fund, a venture capital fund based in the British Virgin Islands, and certain clients of J O Hambro Investment Management, requisitioned the meeting in September in the hope of winning three seats on the Scholl board. Their ultimate goal is to put the company on the auction block.

The rebels have since backed down on their demands, suggesting the appointment of one non-executive director. Scholl has accepted the idea in principle, but last night had yet to approve the rebels' nominee, whose identity has not been disclosed, or his role on the board.



Bifu banks on talks to save jobs

BY MARTIN BARROW

LLOYDS BANK and TSB have agreed to meet union representatives this week amid growing concern that thousands of jobs will be lost as a result of the merger of the two banks.

Leif Mills, general secretary of Bifu, the banking union, will meet Sir Brian Pitman, chief executive of Lloyds, and Peter Ellwood, chief executive of TSB, on Friday, at the Lombard Street head office of Lloyds in the City.

In spite of the assurances given by both banks that no job losses and branch closures will take place as a direct consequence of the merger, Mr Mills said redundancies were inevitable if the enlarged group was to achieve the expected savings of £350 million a year.

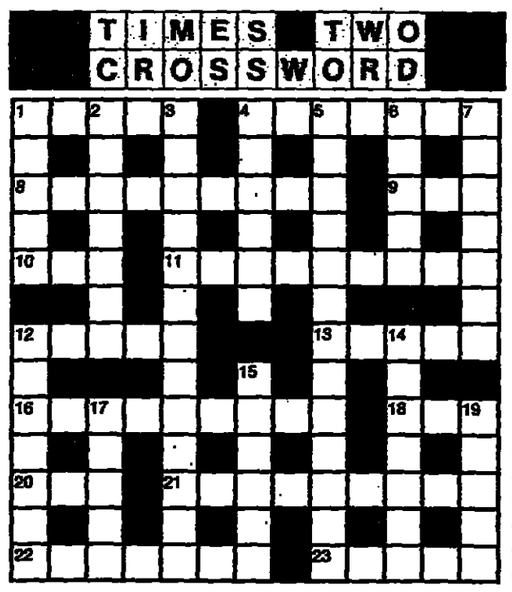
Research conducted by Bifu after the £5 billion TSB takeover was announced by Lloyds this month, suggests that about 600 branches are at risk because of the overlap of the two branch networks.

"There must be job losses over and above what they say," Mr Mills said yesterday. "We shall be probing very hard to see what logic there is to this takeover beyond the narrow interests of big shareholders in the City of London. We don't see why two very successful banks cannot continue their independent paths, offering the customer the greatest possible choice."

Bifu has asked the Office of Fair Trading to refer the takeover bid to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

Bifu is more strongly represented at TSB, where it claims to speak for about 90 per cent of the workforce. At Lloyds fewer than one in three of bank staff belong to the union, although many employees are represented by Lloyds Group Union, the internal staff association. About 50 per cent of employees in retail operations of the merged bank would belong the Bifu, according to the union.

TIMES TWO CROSSWORD



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22 Nobleman: enraged (anag.) (7)
23 Fashion; distinctive method (5)

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Okinawans politely call for cutback in US bases

BY PEREGRINE HODSON IN OKINAWA AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

THE woman's speech echoed harsh and shrill through the loudspeakers; her voice taut with anger. "For 50 years the people of Okinawa have had to carry the burden of the US military on the island. They cannot develop their own land, their children have been attacked. They have had to endure the noise of firing ranges and low-flying aircraft."

Overhead five helicopters circled in the overcast sky, filming the vast crowd gathered in Ginawan Park to protest against the rape of a 12-year-old schoolgirl, for which three US Marines have been indicted.

The demonstrators had come from all parts of Okinawa, old people, families and schoolchildren, united in their outrage at the crime. According to the rally's organisers, more than 85,000 people had responded to the call by Okinawa's Governor, Masahide Ota, for a cutback in US bases on the island and an apology and compensation for the rape victim.

The huge gathering was calm and dignified; the only foreigners were a few journalists, but our presence drew no visible antagonism. The assembly listened as speaker after speaker called for a reduction or an end to the US military presence in Okinawa.

One old man said: "Fifty years is long enough. We cannot put up with it any more — that's why we're here. They say the bases are necessary for our security. But we do not need protecting.

"The mainlanders keep us down — it suits the Government in Tokyo and the Americans to have the bases here, but why don't they move them to the mainland?"

A woman in her forties explained why she had come. "When I was a schoolgirl, during the Vietnam War, it wasn't safe to be near the bases after dark and a lot of incidents went unreported. Even now in the street the things some American soldiers say to Japanese women are revolting. It is our home, after all, but they behave as if they owned the place."

The last speaker of the day called on the assembly to see the demonstration not as a climax but the beginning of the movement to free the island from the bases.

One man held a handmade sign — the Japanese and American flags with two hands outstretched towards each other, a red cross between them. He refused to say exactly what the sign meant. "I am a driver for the US Army" he smiled. "No comment."

His response reflected the contradictory relationship between Okinawans and the US military. By some estimates, the US presence contributes £1 billion to the local economy every year — second only to tourism as a source of income. Unemployment on the island is twice Japan's national average, and many depend on the bases for their livelihood.

Since the rape a 9pm-6am curfew has been imposed on US servicemen and the bars and clubs of Nakanomachi in Okinawa City are almost deserted. One hostess was sympathetic to the rape victim, but disagreed with the curfew or closing the bases. "The Marines who attacked the girl were crazy. But most are just young boys wanting a good time."

Okinawans are divided on the future of bases on the island. For the older generation who remember the bloody fighting in the Second World War, the bases are a painful reminder of a past they would prefer to forget. Younger people are more tolerant.

But all Okinawans agree their island has had more than its share of the US military presence in Japan, and believe Tokyo has ignored their grievances long enough.

William Perry, the US Defence Secretary, said yesterday: "Both the United States and Japan will want to keep military forces there." He added that the presence of US forces enhanced the long-term interests of both countries.

Two Japanese journalists from the *Mainichi Shimbun* newspaper and a farmer were arrested yesterday on charges of trespassing on a US base on the island. The maximum penalty for illegal entry into a US base is one year in prison.



A child in Bangkok tries on a pair of "eclipse-watch" glasses from a street vendor in preparation for tomorrow

Rao's trip eclipsed by forecasts of woe

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN DELHI

INDIA'S superstitious Prime Minister, P.V. Narasimha Rao, has embarked on an extended foreign tour to avoid the malign influences of a total solar eclipse that will strike his house just after 8.30am tomorrow.

His astrologers, whose advice he heeds to the letter, told him to leave the country several days before the eclipse and to remain abroad for a long time afterwards. He had to go abroad to address the United Nations in New York, but he told his aides to arrange some other duties. It has turned into the longest overseas trip of his leadership.

The moon's shadow will first fall over Iran and move across Afghanistan, Pakistan, northern India, Thailand and head towards Borneo. N. K. Sharma, the Prime Minister's favourite astrologer, said that Mr Rao, a Pisces, would suffer misfortune if he were touched by the eclipse.

Special prayer ceremonies are being performed by the Prime Minister's friends and relations. The consensus among soothsayers is that all eclipses are bad. "How can it be good?" Mr Sharma said. "Sun is the source of life, and if it is eclipsed the effects are bound to be adverse."

Ajay Bhambi, another astrologer, said that if the Prime Minister left the country he would increase his tenure. Other commentators said he would also live longer.

Some astrologers predict more killings and kidnappings in Kashmir and others say that Pakistan will also experience worsening unrest. Mr Bhambi said: "India might face strikes and general unrest. Prices of essential commodities will skyrocket."

Kumar Viveki, a prominent astrologer, warned politicians born under Cancer, Libra, Scorpio and Pisces to beware. It would be a good time for Taurians, Leos, Sagittarians and Capricorns. He said that during such a rare eclipse, according to the shastras, a great soul would descend to Earth unseen through the darkness.

The eclipse will be chased by Indian Air Force MiG21s with scientists aboard and droves of astronomers have arrived from overseas. The last total solar eclipse was on February 10, 1980, which was visible only in peninsular India. The next one, due on August 11, 1999, will probably be blocked by monsoon clouds. A total eclipse will not last more than 83 seconds at any place in India, although it will increase the farther it moves east.

Hoteliers and tour operators see nothing but good in the eclipse, however. Every hotel in Agra, site of the Taj Mahal, is fully booked out and a tent city has been erected at nearly Fatehpur Sikri to cope with hordes of visitors. Room rents have soared and even tents are bringing in at least £50 a night.

Swiss vote reflects divisions over EU

FROM REUTER IN ZURICH

VOTERS in Swiss cities provided gains for pro-European Union left-wing parties while the countryside boosted the anti-EU Right, according to computer projections after polls closed in yesterday's parliamentary elections.

Computer predictions by Swiss television showed the Social Democrats picking up at least four new parliamentary seats in the three biggest urban cantons — Zurich, Basle and Geneva. In several rural cantons, the biggest gains were posted by the right-wing Swiss People's Party with at least three seats after the party campaigned for Switzerland to stay neutral rather than join the EU.

The rural-urban division was clearest in German-speaking cantons, whose inhabitants make up about two-thirds of a population that also includes Franch-speakers and the Italian Ticino canton. Political analyst Claude Longchamp told Swiss TV: "This trend shows that the European question was the main issue of the campaign."

Projections by the Swiss broadcasting network SRG showed no challenge to the four-party Centre-Right coalition that has governed since 1959 and includes the Social Democrats and Swiss People's Party. The 4.5 million voters chose 200 MPs in the lower house and 39 of the 46 upper house members.



Azharuddin: denies signing Reebok shoes

Cricket star apologises to Muslims

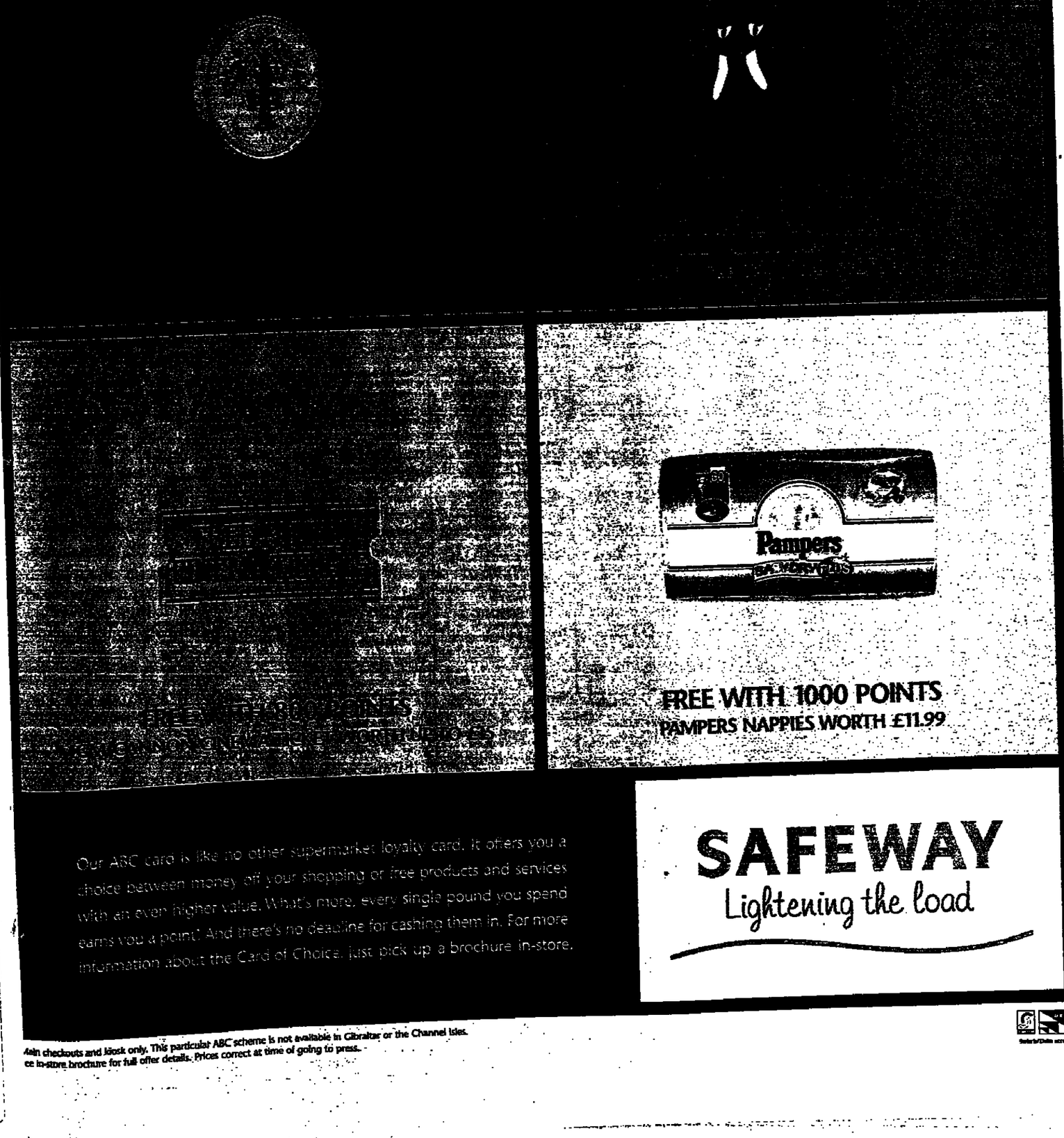
Hyderabad: Mohammad Azharuddin, India's cricket team captain, denied yesterday that he wrote the Prophet's name on unholy footwear while modelling for Reebok and apologised to Muslims.

"I have signed a contract with the Reebok company, but I haven't autographed or signed on the shoes," he said in a statement faxed to newspapers. "If I have hurt the feelings of the Muslim fraternity, I apologise," said the cricket star.

The Urdu-language press in Hyderabad, the player's home town, erupted in anger after the *Rahnuma-e-Deccan* newspaper carried a photograph of him autographing a pair of Reebok shoes on October 14.

Many Muslims felt he should not have put his name — which includes the Prophet's name and "Azhar", an appellation for Allah (God) — on shoes, which in the Islamic religion are considered lowly and unholy. *(Reuter)*

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ARTS THE WEEK AHEAD



■ VISUAL ART

Jamaican painting goes on show at Bristol's Arnolfini, while the Whitechapel goes big on Africa

OPEN: Now
REVIEW: Tomorrow



■ THEATRE

A Robert Bolt season *opens* at the Mermaid with his Tudor epic, *Vivat! Vivat Regina!*

OPENS: Tonight
REVIEW: Wednesday



■ MUSIC

Romantic ardour from the Royal Philharmonic under Daniele Gatti at the Barbican

CONCERT: Tonight
REVIEW: Wednesday



■ POP

A *Singles* night at the Albert Hall, as Alison Moyet puts some beef into her blues

GIG: Tomorrow
REVIEW: Thursday

TODAY'S CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Kris Anderson

LONDON

EARLY PUCCINI Daniele Gatti conducts tonight's Royal Philharmonic Orchestra concert, opening with Puccini's *Capriccio Sinfonico*, a tantalising glimpse of the direction he might have taken had opera not intervened. The programme also includes Paganini's virtuoso Violin Concerto No 1 and Respighi's *Fountain of Rome* and *Pines of Rome*.
Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (0171-638 8891) Tonight, 7.30pm Ⓢ

VIVAT! VIVAT REGINA! *Opening night for Janet McTeer and Barbara Flynn, playing the queens in Robert Bolt's drama of the rivalry between Elizabeth I and Mary, Queen of Scots. Roy Marsden directs*
Mermaid, Puddle Dock, EC4 (0171-236 2111) Tonight, 7pm. Then Tue-Sat 7.30pm, mats Wed, 2pm, Sat, 3pm Ⓢ

LUNCH WITH BASHMET The great Estonian *viola player* Yuri Bashmet gives a lunchtime recital of Bach's Sonata for Viola Da Gamba No 3 in G minor, and Brahms's Sonata No 1 and Scherzo.
St John's, Smith Square, SW1 (0171-222 1061) Today, 1pm

ELSEWHERE

CREWE *Tom Stoppard's multi-award winning* **Arcadia** is back on tour, starring *Sharon Maugham and Paul Shelley*. Part historical romance, part detective story, it all adds up to a witty and intriguing comedy. A co-production with the National Theatre
Lyceum, Heath Street (01270 537333) Tonight-Thurs, 7.30pm; Fri and Sat, 8pm, mats Wed and Sat, 2.30pm Ⓢ

LEEDS ***The Grotesque: Ornamental Prints from the British Museum*** is a *not-to-be-missed look at man's imaginative capacity to make the weird wander and turn everyday objects into bizarre fantasy.* It starts with the renaissance rediscovery of ancient Roman decorations and follows this tradition through from the early 16th century to the mid 18th. Fantastic creatures pose obligingly with normal human beings, or arrange themselves into decorative patterns, animals and humans are assembled, Frankenstein-fashion, from unlikely materials
City Art Gallery, The Headrow (0113-247 8248) Mon-Tue and Thurs-Fri, 10am-5.30pm, Wed, 10am-9pm, Sat, 10am-4pm. Until Nov 25

GLASGOW Millicent Martin and Anne Charleston take a wry look at the comic side of love, marriage, friendship and moving to Australia in Patrick Edgeworths's... **Love, Julie, A** *humorous rapport between the two and a nice, clever twist at the play's end make for a lighthearted, enjoyable evening*
King's, Bath Street (0141-227 5511) Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, 2.30pm and Sat, 3pm Ⓢ

GUILDFORD Frank Finlay and Jane How lead the cast in Patrick Hamilton's classic Victoria thriller, **Gaslight**. Strange behaviour, terror of the dark, a haunting atmosphere in the house: is *Mrs Manningham losing her mind?* Thrills but not so many surprises
Yvonne Arnaud, *Millbrook* (01483 440000) Tonight-Thurs, 7.45pm, Fri and Sat, 8pm, *mats Thurs, Sat, 2.30pm* Ⓢ

LONDON GALLERIES

Barbican: Dora Carrington (0171-638 4141) . . **British Museum**: Hellenistic World, Art and Culture (0171-636 1555) **Festival Hall**: Magnum Cinema, photos from 50 years of movie-making (0171-960 4242) . . **National Gallery**: Myths and Fables. Three Paintings by Tiero di Cosimo (0171-747 2885) **National Portrait Gallery**, John Korbal Photographic Portrait Award (0171-306 0055) . . **Royal Academy**: Africa: Art of a Continent (0171-439 7438) . . **Serpentine**: Big City: Artists from Africa (0171-723 9072) . . **Tate**: Dynasties: Paintings in Tudor and Jacobean England (0171-887 8000) . **V & A**: Design Now: San Lorenzo Silversmiths Studio, Milan (0171-938 8500)

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ **House full, returns only**
◪ **Some seats available**
☐ **Seats at all prices**

☐ **CYRANO** Edmond Rostand's bittersweet love-story relocated to colonial India in a co-production with Tara Arts. Indian stage and screen star Naseeruddin Shah plays the lover with the large conk. Verse text by Ranjit Bolt.
National (Cottesloe), South Bank, SE1 (0171-928 2252) Now previewing, 7.30pm, opens Oct 25, 7pm. Ⓢ

◪ ***DEAD FUNNY*** *Belinda Lang*, Kevin McNally and Sam Kelly in Terry *Johnson's sharply funny play about comics and some of their fans*
Savoy, *The Strand*, WC2 (0171-836 8888), Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.15pm, mats Wed, 2.30pm and Sat, 5pm Ⓢ

☐ **HOBSON'S CHOICE** Leo McKern in *the title role of Harold Brighouse's* warm-hearted comedy. Nichola *McAuliffe and Graham Turner excellent* as daughter and son-in-law
Lyric, *Shaftesbury Ave, W1 (0171-494 5045)*, Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, Sat, 3pm Ⓢ

☐ **THE HOTHOUSE** Assailed by crises in a mysterious detention centre, Harold Pinter is marvellously funny, heading the strong cast in his own, long-buried play. With Tony Haygarth, Celia Imrie and John Shrapnel
Comedy, Panton Street, SW1 (0171-369 1731) Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 4pm

☐ **AN INSPECTOR CALLS** *Stephen* Daldry's powerful production back in the West End again, this time with Nicholas Woodeson as the all-knowing Inspector, *and Edward Peel and Susan Engel as* the pillars of society
Garrick, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (0171-494 5085) Now previewing, 7.45pm. Opens tomorrow, 7pm. Then Mon-Fri, 7.45pm, Sat, 8.15pm, mats Wed, 2.30pm and Sat, 5pm.

◪ **JOLSON**. The story of the first man *to speak in movies, with Brian Conley in the lead and a sequence of songs from the Jolson repertoire. Rob Bettinson* directs a £2 million musical.
Victoria Palace, *Victoria Street, SW1* (0171-834 1317) Previews begin tonight, *7.30pm; opens Oct 26, 7pm* Ⓢ

☐ **MACBETH** Nicolas Kent directs the first Shakespeare to be seen here, in a multi-racial cast led by Lennie James and Helen McCrory as Thane and Mrs Thane
Tricycle, Kilburn High Road, NW6 (0171-328 1000) Now previewing, 8pm. Opens Oct 25, 7pm Ⓢ

☐ **THE MASTER BUILDER** *Peter* Hall's cosy version of Ibsen, with Alan Bates, *Gemma Jones and Victoria* Hamilton.
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☐ **TAKING SIDES**. Enthralling drama by Ronald Harwood, based on the investigations of conductor Furtwängler's alleged Nazi sympathies. Superb performances by Daniel Massey and Michael Pennington
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Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

CANADIAN BACON (PG): The US strafes Canada with insults. Clumsy, one-joke comedy from documentary maverick Michael Moore, with John Candy and Alan Alda
MGM Piccadilly (0171-437 3561)

◆ ***CLUELESS*** (12) *Life and empty minds of Beverly Hills teenagers.* *Frivolous fun from director Amy* Heckerling, with Alicia Silverstone.
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◆ **MORTAL KOMBAT** (15). Cinema version of the video game, all fights and special effects. With Christopher Lambert. Director, Paul Anderson
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◆ **NINE MONTHS** (12) Hugh Grant's *Hollywood debut, a messy, crude* comedy about parenthood from *Home Alone director Chris Columbus*
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◆ ***APOLLO 13*** *(PG) The near-fatal* moon mission of 1970. Splendid images, *but conventional drama. With Tom* Hanks, Kevin Bacon and Ed Harris
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◆ **THE NET** (12) New technology, but enjoyable old thrills, with Sandra Bullock *as a computer expert in peril. Director,* Irwin Winkler
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◆ **POCAHONTAS** (U) Strangely dull slice of American history: a backward step for Disney cartoons after *Aladdin* and *The Lion King*. With the voices of *Mel Gibson and Irene Bedard*
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◆ **SPECIES** (18) Mutant heroine causes havoc in LA. Nasty, flat-footed creature feature, with Natasha Henstridge and Ben Kingsley
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THE WILD BUNCH *(18)*: *William* Holden's outlaws have one last bloody *fling. Sam Peckinpah's classic Western* of 1969, released with ten minutes restored.
MGM Shaftesbury Avenue (0171-836 *6279*) ***Warner*** Ⓢ *(0171-437 4343)*

THE YOUNG POISONER'S HANDBOOK (15). Assured but nasty black comedy about a schoolboy poisoner from the London suburbs. A first feature by Benjamin Ross.
MGM Tottenham Court Road (0171-636 6148)

THEATRE: Restoration comedy dressed to the nines; life, death and a side order of confusion

Catwalk Congreve



MARILYN KINGWILL

Why must the lady be a tramp? Geraldine McEwan makes Lady Wishfort a figure of pathos

When Geraldine McEwan's Lady Wishfort asks her maid how she looks, and gets the answer "most killing well", it is hardly surprising that the audience titters. After all, she is hopping and wiggling about in black stockings, a pink vest and a mini-skirt consisting entirely of bloated red roses. She looks as if she uses greenfly-spray for perfume. As a study of an ageing lady girlishly awaiting her gallant, it is wonderfully funny; but the visual effect is, let's concede, more than a mite over the top.

But then so is much of Phyllida Lloyd's revival of Congreve's great comedy. London has got caught in a time-blender that has left the 17th and 21st centuries inextricably entwined. A chocolate house becomes the garish anteroom of a casino, St James's Park an art gallery. *Cognoscenti in bright shirts* and knee-length jackets with silver buttons drink champagne *as they inspect or*, more often, ignore the fierce slashes of paint on the walls.

Much of the time I felt that a catwalk critic rather than a drama hack should be reviewing *the proceedings*. Women in black plastic, leopard or zebra drift onstage. Fiona Shaw's fine Millament trails what looks like a satin-and-velvet duvet behind her black trousers. Julian Rhind-Tutt's precious Witwoud has opted for a green-and-red tweed number, and Cyril Nri's Petulant has a tailor who thinks his clients should look like walking crossword puzzles.

Why the fuss? Anthony Ward, who designs, would doubtless argue that Restoration *dress is almost equally* exotic in its way; but, since most of us think of it as the *visual* counterpart of Congreve's elaborate dialogue, it is seldom distracting. The danger here is that the set and costumes will upstage the performances.

They *sometimes do so, too. I* suspect that Sian Thomas would make even more impact as a mean, scheming Marwood if she, rather than a gown like a half-sloughed chrysalis, were allowed to do all the acting, and that Veronica Quilligan would be still sweeter as the abused Mrs Fainall if her knees were not weirdly protruding from such ghastly flounces and bustles. Yet I have to admit, somewhat unwillingly, that some actors do bring reality and genuinely *human comedy to situations* that seem custom-built to exclude them.

Forgive or, rather, thank me if I do not attempt to describe all the erotic and financial complexities of a notoriously daunting plot. At the centre, of course, are debonair Mirabell and urbane Millament, who does and does not want to marry him. As the wooer, Roger Allam again demonstrates his ability simultaneously to be earnest and wryly *humorous*, warm and dryly sophisticated, and Fiona Shaw, though not to the role born, *is never less than fasci*nating as his prey. Her smiles and her mockery are wary and *defensive, the outer expression* of a magnetic system that seeks to attract, fend off, and sometimes both at once.

Though her final, ironic crouch and bow do not work, *she is marvellous in the fam*ous speech in which she conditionally vows to "dwindle into a wife". Nor is she the only actress to remind us that the play has its serious concerns, notably the vulnerability of women in a callous, grasping world. It says much for McEwan that, without compromising the comedy, she turns ridicule into pathos. Why should everyone feel free to cheat and *exploit* Lady Wishfort just because she is rich, menopausal and romantic? Despite all the vulgar ado, that is the question Lloyd's revival leaves us asking, and it is a pretty good one.

The Way of the World
Lyttelton

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

Murder on the menu

DEATH rides a pale horse and in Terry Pratchett's Discworld its name is Binky, *Jeremy Kingston writes.* In Joe Penhall's Wandsworth, where Charles's wife has walked in front of a bus and he looks *keen to do likewise*, the horse is unnamed but is presumably Life. Life offers no comfort, goes *downward all the way* and is taking Charles with it.

Penhall's *Some Voices*, here last year, was *praised for its* sharp-eyed study of a schizophrenic adrift in the streets, where *he finds no care in the* community. His second play, again directed by Ian Rickson, focuses on a couple, *Charles* and Lucy, who hold themselves tensely in check or they will kill someone.

Lucy is the first to relax her vigilance. She walks out of a job in a private restaurant, where diners who pinch the waitress will be caned — by the waitress — and is unwisely taken on as a barmaid in Charles's club. Here she is trained how to use a baseball bat if customers become unruly, and beats one to death.

With her pinched little face *and beadily suspicious stares*, Kacey Ainsworth moves through the play like a dangerous mouse. Lucy's inability to foresee the consequences of her words and acts appears to *disengage her from feelings of* guilt but does not exclude panic, and this soon drags *Charles down a fatal pathway* to, well, I do not know what exactly. Assault on another *customer comes into it*, and then the police are hauling him from his wife's grave.

Penhall writes *short scenes* in which the dialogue usually closes on an unexpectedly simple, everyday remark. Following an outburst of insults, aggression or weird self-disclosure, it carries into the next *scene* a feeling that further danger is imminent. For most of the play this keeps the *tension high, but then it* begins to look like a trick.

Ray Winstone's Charles *peers at the world from a face* like a puzzled dumpling, evidently distressed — somewhere his life went askew. His *memories* hint at numerous possibilities, too many for us to guess which, if any, was crucial, *and that* can be lifelike, perhaps, if Life itself is the wrecker. But it all becomes *tenuous and slips away.*

Pale Horse
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The orchestra's principal guest conductor measured his command of symphonic purpose and vividness of instrumental colour to its fullest extent in Mahler's epic Fifth Symphony, the structure more tightly organised and the ideas more *tautly argued than in those before it.*

The conductor skilfully varied the content of the Funeral March within its firm basic pulse, and if the orchestral strings were somewhat lacking in bite for the stormy following movement, they *helped to generate a boisterous* exuberance for the central Scherzo, limning Mahler's contrapuntal ingenuity and throwing *into relief* a *prominent* and admirably played role for the first horn.

In the celebrated Adagietto, Dohnányi steered an acceptable middle course between the excessive slow-indulgence favoured by Bernstein, and the markedly fast pace proposed in a recent theory about it. Here, *its chamber-like delicacy* invited an emotional response individual to each listener, before its yearning theme returned in greater confidence as one strand in the intricately woven counterpoint of a jubilantly resolved finale.

NOEL GOODWIN

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Lost in Weill bodies

Mahagonny
Opéra Bastille

The title of Weill's opera sounds so much better in French: *Grandeur et Décadence de la Ville de Mahagonny*. You can roll it round the tongue with truly Gallic, lip-smacking relish, and perhaps it should stick. It is tempting to describe Graham Vick's production at the Opéra Bastille as typically French, notable as it is for *idées*, rather than ideas, but it *in fact originated at the* Maggio Musicale in Florence five years ago, and nobody in the production team is German. Opera is an international business nowadays.

Not altogether surprisingly, the staging is characterised by a certain lack of focus. Maria Björnson's decor is a prime example of overkill, as though she were working on one of those West End shows whose musical poverty has to be disguised at all costs.

We are on a huge parking lot in front of a *Street-Scene*-style tenement block bursting through metal shutters. The costumes, especially those for the chorus and the horde of supernumeraries, are so garish that you cannot actually make out which are the principals, who keep on going missing.

Some of Vick's *idées* are engaging (Mrs Begbick supervising the making of the Mahagonny Promo Video, for example) and some less so (why a Mountie? Just an excuse to get a horse onstage?) but there is so much going on all the time that the chorus is too often banished to the wings — a fatal move — and there is precious little in the way of narrative thread. What is this opera, until recently a "period piece" but now so gruesomely topical, supposed to be about?

Weirdest of all is the way the entire company ages after Jimmy Mahoney's arrest. His trial is a symphony of wheel chairs and Zimmer frames, and the finale shows the citizens dropping dead one by one.

Weill wrote music for a series of angry protest marches. This is more a collection of vignettes loosely inspired by certain ideas in *Mahagonny* than a production of the piece itself. Black marks all round.

Jeffrey Tate, in charge of an enthusiastic rather than disciplined orchestra and chorus, builds up a fair head of dramatic steam when not indulging in dangerously slow tempos. The Bastille's misty orchestral acoustics may account for a lack of snap to Weill's rhythms.

The voices, though, sound *fine, and the production vaut le voyage* for the singing alone. Kim Begley's Jimmy is sensational — at once heroic and lyrical of timbre, and with a *marvellous sense of musical* line. Marie McLaughlin catches the plangency of Jenny, if not her toughness, and goes through the stockings and suspenders routine with dignity unimpaired.

The heavies are led by Felicity Palmer's reinforced-concrete Widow Begbick, and the Trinity Moses of Franz Hawlata, last year's memorable Baron Ochs for the Welsh National.

If only you could *see* them through all the clutter. As with the *Vixen* at the Châtelet earlier this year, you felt that if all the dancers and supers were sent home, there might be a production here. Limitless subsidy can have its drawbacks.

RODNEY MILNES

Gall, guts and a populist plan

John Higgins talks to the man charged with raising the Bastille

Paris is looking to Hugues Gall to save the Bastille. Last month *Nabucco*, the opening production of his *reign over the 2,700-seat house* and the old Paris Opéra (currently closed), was a success. The critics brought out their superlatives and the performances sold out. *Mahagonny*, which has just followed, was a calculated risk.

Gall has had nearly two years to plan his first season since, in November 1993, he delivered to Jacques Toubon, then Minister of Culture, his recommendations for turning the Bastille from a national joke into a national treasure. His terms were tough and so far he has got his way. The music director, Myung-Whung Chung, was removed and will be replaced next summer as chief conductor by the American James Conlon. Gall has no artistic director: he does all the planning and casting himself.

He also demanded the restoration of the Opéra, or Palais Garnier, which the Government wanted to use purely for ballet. Gall argued that there must be a theatre for Mozart operas, which were unsuitable for the Bastille. The Government found the money, and the Garnier returns to opera next March.

Back at the Bastille, this first Gall season looks unashamedly popular. He makes no apologies. "My first job is to build a repertory," he says. "I have inherited very little. About 80 per cent of the existing productions are unusable, chiefly for reasons of cost.

"I'm having to use one or two revivals not particularly to my taste, such as *Tosca*, but basically we are creating our own stagings from *Nabucco* through to *Norma* next June.

"Yes, it is a popular season for a popular house. When the Garnier is reopened it is my aim to provide 365 performances of opera and ballet a year, which means going for a total audience of 800,000. That requires bringing in a new public. I have to reach beyond the 'opera club'."

It could be argued that Paris is in danger of having too much opera. The Théâtre des Champs-Elysées is a regular home for visiting companies. The Châtelet has starry casts, usually in co-productions with foreign houses, and the much smaller Opéra-Comique is still in operation. So why was Gall so insistent on the restoration of the Garnier?

"Each theatre has its own function," he says. "The Champs-Elysées has a high percentage of opera in concert form. The Châtelet is the centre of 'Parisianisme', but usually only plays four or five performances of each work. The Comique is entitled to the repertory which belongs to it through historical right. But we must have a house which can put on work that would be lost in the expanses of the Bastille."

But will there not be a danger of the Garnier becoming an elitist house, devoted to the very "opera club" Gall wants to avoid? "Yes. We are aware of that and we are going to avoid it. One way will be by ensuring that, the occasional gala apart, the pricing policy is the same as at the Bastille." There the best seats are Ffr590 (about £75), whether Domingo is singing or not.

There have been 11 different adminstrators in Paris since Rolf Liebermann left the Opéra in 1980, and the notoriously militant theatre unions have become stronger with each one's passing. Gall is all too aware that he needs support both above, from the Government, and below, from those who turn the wheels of the Bastille. "I crave neither sainthood nor martyrdom. My aim is satisfaction, my own and that of the public."

JAZZ AND POP: Old hands strut their stuff; young guns misfire

Kenny Baker
Birmingham

IN THE 1950s, with their weekly live radio show *Let's Settle For Music*, Kenny Baker's Dozen set the standard for big-band jazz in Britain. At Ronnie Scott's *Birmingham* offshoot, the current, 15-piece version of the band, with veterans such as Vic Ash, Roy Willox and Derek Healey rubbing shoulders with younger stars such as Alan Barnes and Pete Beachill, maintained the formidably high standards of the original group.

This is, despite the relative rarity of its appearances, the best big band in the classic tradition playing in Britain today. At the centre of everything is the septuagenarian Baker himself, his trumpet floating effortlessly over his saxophone section on *Ghost of a Chance* one minute, and holding its own against the high energy trumpets of Bruce Adams and Brian Rankin on *Harlem Airshaft* the next.

Airshaft is one of a group of Baker's own arrangements of Duke Ellington material, and in the best Ellington tradition his charts draw out the individual talents of his soloists. The spontaneity of his stage presence, extending a solo here, cutting a half-chorus there, is also reminiscent of Ellington.

But what the band does best is swing. Len Skeat's bass giving a two-beat lilt to old ballads such as *Pardon Me Pretty Baby*, and drummer Bobby Worth hitting an unashamed off-beat on full band choruses in a way that even American bands seem to have forgotten how to do these days.

ALYN SHIPTON

Lighthouse Family
Dingwalls, NW1

AFTER a long period of development, audiences have been able this year to sample two tastes of the brew served up by the Lighthouse Family — Nigerian singer Tunde Baiyewu and keyboard player Paul Tucker. The singles *Lifted* and, in recent weeks, *Ocean Drive* have wafted alluringly from radio speakers across the country. While neither has made much of a chart impression, they have opened a window on to an exotic aural vista.

Both songs feature Baiyewu's light, subtle tones set gently against Tucker's soulful backdrops. The next step in the duo's carefully measured career development was to see how they stood up in the meat-and-potatoes world of the club gig.

Only one song into this London date — described by Baiyewu as the last leg of the band's mini-tour — the singer made the *misjudgment* of telling the audience it deserved a big round of applause. It could be attributed to nerves, but we really had not done anything to be thanked for other than turning up. Giving away gratitude that cheaply set the wrong tone for the proceedings.

The duo and their band worked ably through the two singles and other songs from their impending debut album *Ocean Drive*, but the high sheen of their records somehow turned to matt in such prosaic surroundings. The purity of their talent is not in doubt, but their ability to impose themselves on an audience remains unproven.

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Alice Thomson meets Elizabeth Symons, the elegant head of the Civil Service trade union

A woman who dared say no, minister

KIPPA MATTHEWS



Elizabeth Symons: "After this week I'm sure I will be questioned a great deal less on why we need a union"

The world of the British civil servant is under threat. The bowler hat has gone, crumpets and gentlemen's relish in the canteen have been replaced by croissants. They no longer have time to read Ovid on the omnibus and this year they have been banned from using Latin tags when briefing ministers.

To make matters worse, last week Michael Howard made it clear that their last bastion, the right to hide behind ministerial responsibility, no longer applies.

The Home Secretary's sacking of Derek Lewis for his alleged mismanagement of the Prison Service has forced the Civil Service to realise that when the going gets tough, their political masters will probably push them out of the lifeboat. Even Sir Humphrey would think of quitting Whitehall if it wasn't for one woman, Elizabeth Symons.

She is the person who has been battling it out for Mr Lewis and the Civil Service for the past week all over the media. As general secretary of the Association of First Division Civil Servants — Sir Humphrey's trade union — Ms Symons looks after more than 11,000 high-flying administrators, statisticians, government lawyers and tax collectors. She is as tough and tenacious a negotiator as Arthur Scargill.

At first Ms Symons appears the epitome of those whom she represents. Her dress, her desk and her diction are all immaculately polished. She wears a formal black suit, her paper-clips are stacked in a neat pile. You can't imagine her using an um or an ah, an unnecessary superlative.

But the first woman to run Britain's elite trade union also sports vibrant auburn hair, an infectious laugh, stilettos, and is not afraid of coming out from Whitehall's cosy corridors.

> 'Ministers like to grab the credit and avoid the blame'

When her legal team first rang her about Mr Lewis's predicament on Monday morning she knew it was going to be a busy week. Her most painful duty last week was to listen to the House of Commons debate on Mr Lewis's departure. "It was good theatre, there were lots of cheap gibes and the Tory backbenchers were their usual exuberant selves, but it was depressing because a proper examination of the role of civil servants is crucial," she says. "The problem is that ministers are quick to take the credit and slow to take any blame and we really need to sort out the question of responsibility and accountability." Ms Symons would prefer a Civil Service Act so that civil servants could know exactly what is expected of them.

The Civil Service has been her life. Her father was the Chief Inspector of Taxes. After a stint at Girton College, Cambridge, she took the Civil Service exams but to the amazement of her peers soon found she preferred giving speeches to writing them and moved into the trade union side.

"I am passionate about the Civil Service. I know that is not a Civil Service word but it is a very fine institution run by very fine people," she says.

She is also extremely aware that it is under attack and suffering from low morale. MORI has just conducted a survey which shows that four out of five employees would now discourage a young person from joining.

Like many civil servants, she disliked the brash world of the 1980s, the "all profit, colour supplement, yuppy ideal" and blames it for whittling away at the idea of public service. "A lot of people still sit the exams but they quickly get poached for more glamorous jobs," she says. She also knows that better pay is not the only answer.

"Self-publicists shouldn't go into the Civil Service and if you want to get rich you should go elsewhere. The hours can be extremely long, you are at the beck and call of ministers," she says.

So why on earth do it? "What they value most is the intellectual challenge and the feeling of achievement. They all speak extremely highly of the intelligence of their colleagues." The entrance exams are very taxing, she says. In other words, nobody has to suffer conversations about the latest episode of *Coronation Street* over the photocopier.

She also loves her place within the TUC. "I hope they don't think I'm an oddity. After this week I'm sure I will be questioned a great deal less on why we need a union," she says. On the media, she is realistic: "It is the journalist's job to try to get stories and the civil servant's to prevent them from leaking. One must deplore unauthorised illegal disclosures, although I regret we don't have a Freedom of Information Act."

Does she have time for anything frivolous? "I watch *Question Time* and *Newsnight*, read historical novels, Trollope and of course Jane Austen," she says. She was going to be an academic and began a PhD on the 80 years in Sussex preceding the Civil War but found it too lonely. "I really relax with friends, family and my 10-year-old son." She reads *Hello!* occasionally at the hairdresser. But her members need not worry; her "lovely" home, son and journalist partner will not be appearing in any forthcoming edition.

She also once wanted to become an actress. But her best role may be as the very model of a modern civil servant.

Now everyone wants a home in the hills

Magnus Linklater on conflict between land and people

Nothing is more calculated to rouse emotion than a threat to property. The bulldozer which flattened a lovingly restored 18th-century cottage in Leicestershire last week was as brutal as a smash in the teeth, while a few hundred miles further north furious protests have engulfed an Arab millionaire, Mahdi Mohammed al-Tajir, who is said to have allowed houses on Blackford Estate, in Perthshire, to decay and collapse rather than have people living in them.

He is alleged to have turned the farming land where Highland Spring water is bottled into a wilderness to protect the purity of his water. The fact that he has created jobs for 300 people in an area of high unemployment is judged less important than this supposed act of land vandalism.

Even the conservationist movement now finds itself on the receiving end of the fury aroused when the interests of human beings and property come into conflict. At a conference on heritage held the other day in Inverness, a mild-mannered naturalist found his arguments dismissed as "neo-fascist claptrap" by a passionate advocate of the crofting movement. His crime had been to praise the beauty of the wilderness areas of the Highlands; but the very use of the word wilderness is political dynamite these days — it summons up a picture of a land deserted by people, of ruined villages, of the Highland clearances.

But in the Highlands the clearances have, if anything, gone into reverse. Over the past ten years the population of the northern counties of Scotland has risen faster than any other area in Britain. The interest in reclaiming strips of land bearing little except perhaps a tumbledown cottage and the remains of a barn has never been higher.

Meanwhile the landowner with his sprawling acres is in some difficulty. Running a large estate has become increasingly unprofitable and more and more of them have come onto the market.

Three years ago the crofters of Assynt in Sutherland caused a sensation when they formed their own trust to buy back land which had been owned by a Scandinavian consortium. Their experiment has so far succeeded, and recently they announced a new enterprise: they intend to build a generating facility, and have won a contract to supply electricity to the National Grid. Encouraged by their example, other trusts are likely to be formed.

Now Michael Forsyth, the Scottish Secretary, has taken the radical step of offering Scottish Office land for sale to crofters. His plan, announced last week, is to sell off 109,000 hectares of Highland land if he can find enterprising crofters willing to set up trusts to buy it. A total of 1,400 crofters could own their own land if the plan comes off. It is a remarkable fact that a Tory administration should be setting in process a return of land to the people that would undoubtedly be described as socialism in action if it had been introduced under Labour.

But Mr Forsyth is, in a sense, pushing at an open door. The economics of crofting, at least as a part-time activity, have been steadily improving. By combining several different jobs, a decent living can be made — the current jargon is "pluriactivity". Tourism, local industries such as fish-farming, and the opportunities of conducting a business from home thanks to modern technology, have all offered opportunities which were not there 20 years ago.

The omens today are as good for the crofter as they have been since an Act of 1886 gave every crofter in the north-west of Scotland security of tenure and the right to claim compensation from his landlord.

Dr Jim Hunter, author of the definitive work *The Making of the Crofting Community*, says: "There is a buzz about the place, a greater sense of self-confidence than I have ever known." And since he is the one who uttered that remark about the conservationists and their "neo-fascist claptrap", it seems risky to disagree.

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The long walk to the White House

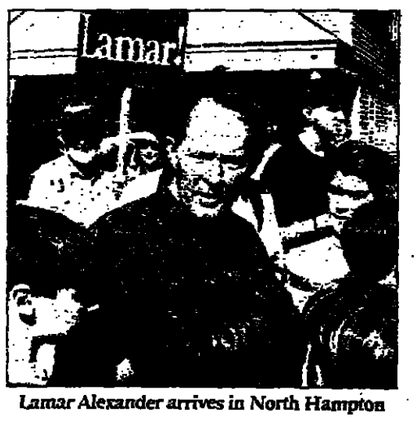
SOME people run for President. Lamar Alexander is walking for it.

It is a trick he learnt in 1978 when he trekked 1,022 miles across Tennessee, despite being hit by a van, and the next year won the governorship. This time he is walking across New Hampshire, which holds the nation's make-or-break first primary next February.

On a brilliant autumn morning, with the trees a blaze of red and gold, he arrives by car at a lovely old church in the village of North Hampton. From a chalked red cross on the ground marking where he left off last time, the candidate strides off down a leafy road of charming white weatherboarded homes, followed by a dozen supporters clutching bright red "Lamar" placards, three journalists, two photographers and a dog.

The would-be President — a small, trim man of 55 — is unstoppable. He bounds into homes and driveways to greet the local citizenry. He waves vigorously at passing lorries. He collars workmen repairing roads, motorists putting petrol in their cars, old folk gently sunning themselves on benches. He leads his merry crew into an off-licence, an ironmonger and a supermarket, charging down the aisles in search of every last voter.

"Is there anybody else back there?" he yells after talking to a pharmacist at his counter. When a bewildered assistant pokes her head round the corner the candidate's hand shoots out. "I'm walking across New Hampshire, and I'd like to be your next President," he declares. "Let me ask you something. If you were sitting across from the President right now and could ask him one thing, what would it be?" Five minutes of earnest listening later the man is off once more, bounding towards the village hall where his campaign has laid on a free lunch of rolls and fizzy drinks for all who care to come.



Lamar Alexander arrives in North Hampton

To ensure coverage in the local paper, Mr Alexander presents one of his trademark red-and-black check shirts to a North Hampton worthy who just happens to be the caterer who did the lunch. Outside two aides in a car retraced the morning's route hammering red-and-black "Lamar Walked Here" signs into the verges. "It's a lot better way to meet people than flying around in a blue suit at 37,000ft," Mr Alexander enthused as we marched off into the afternoon. "I meet anywhere from 100 to 400 or 500 people a day. I wave at a lot more and it only takes 50,000 to win this primary."

Last July, when Mr Alexander began his zigzag walk from New Hampshire's capital of Concord to the sea with overnight stops in local people's homes, it had seemed an inspired idea. He was then just one of nine largely anonymous Republican candidates languishing in single figures in the polls and trailing far behind the front-runner, Robert Dole. The walk seemed certain to single him out from the pack. It would surely appeal to those notoriously prickly New Hampshirites who insist on meeting the candidates face to face before making their choice. It would lend this millionaire a populist persona and reinforce his claim to be from the real world, not just another Washington insider.

The problem is that three months and thousands of handshakes later, and despite heavy radio and television advertising, Mr Alexander is still trapped in the ranks of the obscure. The latest poll measured his support among New Hampshire Republicans at just 7 per cent. The publishing tycoon Steve Forbes measured as much having entered the contest just one month earlier, and if Colin Powell joins the race next month Mr Alexander and the rest will almost certainly be blown away.

Mr Alexander is politely received by those he meets, but that does not mean he has won them over. New Hampshirites are shrewd folk. They watch with wry amusement as candidates swarm across their state every fourth year.

He is a former moderate seeking to recast himself as a conservative. He portrays himself as a Washington "outsider", despite serving as a Senate aide, a White House aide and President Bush's Education Secretary (he now glibly claims to have spent enough time in the capital to be "inoculated but not infected"). His original battle cry — cut Washington's "arrogant empire" down to size and return power to the states — was undercut by the Republicans' capture of Congress last November and he has never found another.

THE loneliness of the long-distance walker does not seem to worry Mr Alexander. He exudes that belief in his ultimate victory that all candidates profess right up to the moment of defeat. He still has a fair amount of money. He is sure his fortunes will improve when the media start covering the race in earnest and the voters begin to pay attention.

Mr Alexander just may be right. There are still four months to go, and someone must surely emerge as Mr Dole's main challenger. But the more likely scenario is that he, like so many hundreds of presidential wannabes before him, will slog on down New Hampshire's increasingly wintry roads but never reach his destination — one more curious footnote in the history of this state's unfailingly colourful primaries.

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The shadows of Hiroshima

FIFTY years after the Hiroshima bomb, the science of radiation protection which learnt so much from that terrible experiment shows signs of becoming controversial again.

An argument is going on about whether the dangerous effects of high doses of radiation — such as the survivors experienced — can be extrapolated downwards to the low levels of normal life.

The dispute touches everything from living in a house containing radon gas to the number of people who can be expected to as a result of the Chernobyl nuclear accident.

The French Academy of Sciences has declared that there are no grounds for reducing the radiation doses to which members of the public can be exposed, as the International Commission on Radiological Protection wishes.

The ICRP proposals would cut the public limit of five per year to just one, which the French Academy says is less than the variation in background radiation in some areas. In America, the Health Physics Society takes a similar line: below 100 millisieverts, it says, "statements of risk are more speculative than credible".



SCIENCE BRIEFING

Nigel Hawkes

A prominent Swedish radiobiologist, Gunnar Wilander, has also weighed in, in a book called *Has Radiation Protection become a Health Hazard?* He suggests that the very detectability of low-level radiation is what makes it so difficult for the public to understand.

If Chernobyl had released a chemical rather than radiation, it would have been impossible to detect it more than about ten miles from the plant. In distant Britain and Sweden, nobody would have been worried at all.

Radiation is easily detected, and if any dose can really have an effect, then Chernobyl is expected to cause 25,000 to 30,000 cancers in the northern hemisphere, which sounds alarming. But, says Dr Wilander, 4.3 billion people live in the northern hemisphere, of whom between 700 and 800 million will eventually die of cancer. "The hypothetical increase on account of Chernobyl would be between three and four thousandths of a per cent," he says.

And even that assumes a linear response between dose and response at very low levels, which is the very issue under discussion. If that does not apply, then no increase is to be expected.

Enter Britain's National Radiological Protection Board, which to its astonishment was asked by its French opposite number to carry out a study of low-level radiation. The NRPB could not understand why it was being asked to do this by a French organisation, but gladly took the job on.

Its conclusion? There is no threshold below which radiation does no harm. At really low levels the risk may be insignificant compared to crossing the road, but it is not zero. The body does not have an effective way of dealing with radiation, because of the way in which it zips through the DNA, cutting both strands and making repair harder.

It seems a safe bet that a lot of people are going to find this difficult to accept.

Home run



AMERICAN baseball fans bemoaning their team's lack of success have a new excuse: jet lag.

Three sports-loving doctors from Massachusetts have examined the records of 19 teams based on the East and West Coasts of the US. The teams play a large number of games every season, many of them after long flights between time zones with little time to recover.

The severity of jet lag and the time needed to recover depend on the number of time zones crossed, and the direction of travel, they argue in *Nature*. Travelling from west to east is worse, requiring a longer recovery time. So if jet lag is indeed a factor, the records should show that teams from the West Coast do significantly worse in away games that involve long flights. So it proves.

For the three seasons between 1991 and 1993, home teams won 56 per cent of their games. But the advantage was significantly greater if the visiting team had just travelled eastward. Home teams won 62.9 per cent of these games.

In terms of runs, the home advantage was more striking. The home team could, on average, expect to score 1.24 more runs than usual when their opponents had just completed eastward travel. That may not seem much, but it could be decisive. In two of the years, the league title was won by only a single game.

Hole truth



A TEAM of British astronomers has narrowly edged out American rivals to the discovery of a possible new black hole in our galaxy. Dr Jorge Casares and Dr Phil Charles, of Oxford University, and Dr Tom Marsh, of Southampton, found the putative black hole in the constellation Vulpecula by detecting the motion of a very faint star in orbit around it. By definition, black holes cannot be seen directly, but must be inferred by the motion of stars that are under the influence of their powerful gravitational fields.

The team used the William Herschel telescope at La Palma in the Canaries to study the motion of the orbiting star, and found that it made a complete orbit every 8.3 hours. From the shift in wavelength of the star's spectrum as it went round, they showed it was moving at 520 kilometres per second.

By using Newtonian physics, it is possible to calculate that the invisible object around which the star orbits has a mass five times greater than our Sun. That makes it a strong candidate as a black hole, second only in the Milky Way to the black hole in Cygnus.

The British group had their evidence at the end of July, just before a rival group at the ten-metre Keck telescope in America came to the same conclusion. The long-term aim is to determine the masses of a dozen or so black holes, from which a lot may be learnt about the life and death of stars.



Stephen Hawking: his "Theory of Everything" would mean the final unification of all known forces

Is Hawking another Albert Einstein?

Britain's most famous scientist and the the man who revolutionised physics are remarkably similar, says **J.P. McEvoy**

In the winter of 1979 — the centenary of Einstein's birth — I took a month's leave from my teaching and research in physics to travel across the United States giving a special lecture about a discovery made by Einstein. No, not relativity but another paper in which he first proposed that light travels in bundles which today are called photons.

I returned to Europe in March, to attend a special birthday celebration in Berne where Einstein — as a 26-year-old patent clerk — revolutionised physics with three papers in the same year, 1905, each of which started a new branch of physics. Only Newton's *Principia* can compare.

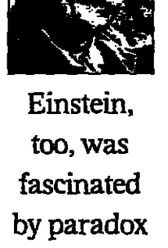
The last event on the programme in Berne was the awarding of the Einstein Medal for the most outstanding contribution to astrophysics. From high up in the balcony, it was the first time I saw Stephen Hawking. As the citation was read, Hawking drove his motorised wheelchair across the stage to accept the award. As the entire audience stood up and applauded for several minutes, I took in the emotion of the crowd and developed a lump in my throat.

Suddenly, I noticed that almost everyone else — astronomers, astrophysicists, cosmologists, science journalists and their guests — were wiping tears from their eyes. With that scene in mind, I had no trouble understanding the success of Hawking's world-renowned book, *A Brief History of Time*, published some ten years later. That moment in Berne links Hawking and Einstein forever in my mind.

The next time I saw Hawking was about a year ago when I visited his office in Cambridge. I had just been commissioned to write *Stephen Hawking For Beginners* for Icon Books. At our first meeting we spoke via his computer of physics problems and Einstein. I quickly saw that Hawking approached his own work in a style not unlike the German scientist — focusing on paradoxes in existing theory.

This was not the first time I would be struck by the similarities and links between the lives and work of Hawking and Einstein.

It is well known that Einstein's great revolutions in relativity had their roots in his contemplation of paradoxes in existing theory. In the case of special relativity, he asked himself over and over again what would be seen if one could travel at the speed of light. This led to his postulates that nothing moves faster than light and that the speed of light is a constant for all observers, essential parts of his special theory.



Einstein, too, was fascinated by paradox

In the case of general relativity, Einstein was guided by another paradox, the problem of action at a distance. In Newton's theory of gravitation, no account was given for the instantaneous appearance of a force when mass is brought into existence. This violates the postulates of his earlier special relativity and Einstein knew it was wrong. He subsequently eliminated forces altogether, removing the paradox and creating a new theory of gravitation which dominates astrophysics today.

During my first conversation with Hawking, I asked about his current research and he described his thoughts on quantum gravity, the marriage of general relativity and quantum mechanics. This is known as the "Theory of Everything" in the popular press because its successful development would mean the final unification of all the known forces in nature. Now Hawking believes *he* has found a paradox.

He scanned his computer matrix of 2,600 words with lightning speed to compose his answers which I read from a screen:

"One of the best places to look for new ideas in theoretical work is the apparent paradoxes that occur in the existing theory. At the moment I am looking at just such a paradox. The calculations indicate that information seems to be lost from the universe when a black hole forms and evaporates." (I can guarantee that this is an exact quotation, as Hawking hands you a floppy disk at the end of a meeting with his remarks already digitised.)

In 1974, Hawking himself had developed the theory predicting that black holes evaporate. At the time this was a shock to the world of relativisitic cosmology because theory indicated that nothing could get out of a black hole. He continued:

"If this is true, it would have far-reaching implications, for gravity would add a new level of unpredictability to physics over and above the uncertainty associated with quantum theory. The reaction of most physicists has been that this cannot happen, that somehow information must get out of black holes, but we haven't found a credible mechanism."

Clearly Hawking and Einstein think in a similar style.

Hawking now and Einstein before him feel in their bones that things should be a certain way, but the physical insight often catches them without the appropriate mathematical skills. No problem — they go and learn what they need. In 1912, Einstein contacted his friend Marcel Grossman. In the 1960s Hawking, thinking about singularities in black holes and at the Big Bang, cornered the mathematician Roger Penrose to learn topological methods for dealing with these new kinds of problems.

Perhaps the strangest Hawking/Einstein similarity is the cultist and oracular status they have achieved. Hawking is sometimes flown by private jet across the Atlantic to fill a large university sports arena for a 45-minute public lecture. This may bring sneers from academia, but it is great for public appreciation of science. Hawking has accepted an invitation to give one of these lectures at the Albert Hall on November 22.

In the 1930s Einstein gave a public lecture at the Natural History Museum in New York, reported as follows:

"A mob of 4,500 persons rioted last night at the Museum of Natural History trying to hear about Einstein's theory of relativity. The crowd shouted and swarmed between the canoes, totem poles and walrus tusks to the main auditorium, seizing the remaining seats. Women screamed and the manhandled attendants ran to call the police. It was the first science riot ever quelled by the NYPD."

We don't expect that kind of a response at the Albert Hall but you never can tell. The title of Hawking's talk, "Does God Play Dice In Black Holes?", is about the paradox of lost information which concerns him now. I can guarantee that the spirit of Einstein will be very much in evidence.

Is Hawking another Einstein? Perhaps not. But he is as close as we will get in the present epoch. As physics reaches the end of a golden age — the 20th century — we can look back with wonder at the work of Einstein, Ernest Rutherford, Madame Curie, Niels Bohr, Enrico Fermi and Richard Feynman; now they are all gone. Hawking could well be the last of the legendary physicists.

● *J.P. McEvoy is working with the artist Oscar Zarate on another Icon guide, Quantum Theory for Beginners, to be published in May 1996.*

A ticket application for "Does God Play Dice In Black Holes?" appears on Page 5.

When hidden water answers to a tap

Anjana Ahuja on how two men with a mallet and a plate could help some of the world's most arid regions

If you saw a man in a field in Wiltshire hitting a plate on the ground with a mallet, it probably wouldn't occur to you that he was looking for underground water. But that is what Dr John Millar and his colleague Dr Richard Clarke have been doing.

Their new method of divining water using soundwaves is cheaper and simpler than drilling boreholes, and aid agencies working in drought-stricken regions are looking at it with interest.

The creation of electrical signals in fluid-bearing rocks by the passage of seismic waves, called electrokinesis, was first predicted in 1936. As the soundwave — in this case from the mallet striking the plate — travels down through the ground it shakes any fluid present within the rocks, causing the positive ions in the fluid to cling to the walls of the rock. The negatively charged ions float behind, so a charge separation results. Such a separation — called an electric dipole — can be detected as an electrical pulse at ground level.

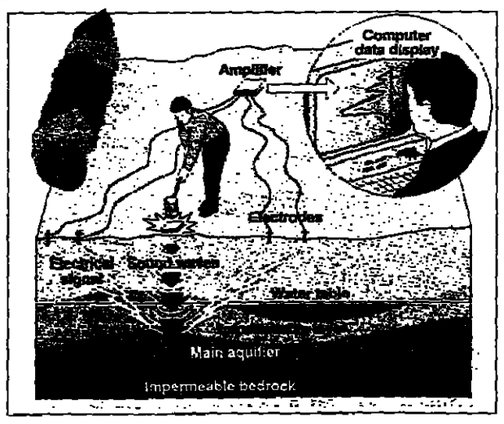
As the soundwave descends ever deeper into the ground, it throws up an electrical signal for each water table or permeable aquifer it encounters. A computer works out from these signals how far underground the water reserves are, and how much water the reserves are likely to yield.

"The method works for any fluid which can be ionised, or split into its positive or negative parts," says Dr John Millar, who explains the work in the latest issue of *Physics World*. "We can use it to detect certain pollutants because they have a higher concentration of ions and therefore give a stronger electrical signal."

The method measures the porosity of the rock, but it also allows the permeability of the rock to be calculated. Permeability is a measure of how efficiently the holes in the rock are connected together. This information is essential to water-seekers because the water flows through these holes to the borehole. In the past, explains Dr Millar, permeability has proved very difficult to measure, because it reveals itself only when the fluid is moving.

Their equipment weighs about 10kg and comprises a hammer, plate, electrodes and a laptop computer. "You can run it off a car battery, so you can go off into the bush to find water," says Dr Millar. "It is also very quick. A reading can be taken in ten minutes, and the reading is flashed up as a graph. The computer does all the work for you."

According to Dr Millar, this simple package, which he and his partner are marketing through their company GroundFlow, based near Marlborough, is a hundredth of the cost of the more hit-and-miss method of drilling boreholes. "If someone wants to do an investigation, they have to drill a pattern of boreholes and take measurements down them, which is expensive. Overseas agencies spend a lot of money on measures such as drilling for clean water. We can help to stop a lot of that money going to waste."



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■ My ghostly uncle would have hated the formalities but relished the farce that followed

Since the death of my artist uncle, Donald Young, in 1990, my *Aunt Joyce has dedicated* herself to cataloguing the 600 paintings and drawings her husband left behind. Rooms are stacked with them. Each must be photographed, listed and numbered, alongside the often quirky titles Don found for them.

Joyce is past 70 now, and though she has been unwell, she throws herself at the task with the commitment she showed Don through all their long married life. For decades she supported him by teaching while he paced his studio at home with the obsessive dedication he showed each work. In her cataloguing, Joyce has now reached 490 *of 500 paintings. Don was,* in my view, an artist of genius, and from his earliest days at the Chelsea School of Art his work has been a *succes d'estime* with those who have seen it. The trouble is, too few have. Don but would never have *anything to do with publicity.* Most infrequently he could be cajoled into an exhibition, which he would attend awkwardly, hating any discussion. Don was a shy man, with a stammer, who disliked the prancing around of the world of the fine arts, and preferred to stay at home, smoking his dreadful pipe, listening to his old jazz records and playing chess with Joyce and their small circle of friends. They were not rich and they had no pretensions.

For an unusual but unshowy painter of the exhibitionist school, whose work lay outside the post-war mainstream, Don's refusal to posture was fatal. Joyce was trying to promote an artist who simply wouldn't play the fine art game. Living in Beckenham, unable to drive, and no habitué herself of London's artistic salons, she has worked hard: but it must have been discouaging.

So we were pleased, this year, when an art dealer in Richmond, Surrey, Dr Robert Travers, spotted Don's work, thought it outstanding, and made an agreement with Joyce to promote it. Don's painting *Family by Firelight* has been included in a month-long exhibition of some quality, called *Modern British Masters.* Last Wednesday evening there was a private view before it opened. Joyce and I met there a little after seven.

And I felt completely torn. It was a smart occasion, a lovely gallery, a superb exhibition. Joyce was happy, we both loved it — and Don would have hated every second.

The gallery was a little way up Richmond Hill. Called "Piano Nobile", it was tastefully decorated — wood floors, discreet spotlights, a scattering of fine but unobtrusive furnishings . . . you know the kind of *thing, all in the best possible* taste. The low murmur of *polite conversation,* polished floorboards, polished accents, the clink of champagne glasses . . .

Or, rather, the smash of champagne glasses. As I walked past the table, my *jacket brushed its contents* and brought a glass crashing to the floor. I thought I could hear Don, who preferred tea, chuckling. He had the kind of sub-hysterical mirth that started as a *chuckle then welled up into* a heaving laugh which lurched almost out of control: a sort of panic, almost.

Joyce and I chose a moment when there was nobody else downstairs, where *Family by Firelight* hangs, and raised our glasses to the *funny.* Picassoesque figures, the yawning cat and his saucer of milk, the bedroom slippers and burning cigarette, the trouser turnups and teacup and saucer and baby at its mother's *beads, all the organised* chaos of loving, mocking, affectionate detail that characterises Don's work — and wished him well, wherever he is. I thought he was probably there, sighing with relief that the room *was for a moment* empty of people he didn't know.

> Cigarette and pipe smoke, tea, the cat at his feet and jazz made up Don's atmosphere

Upstairs, a harpist was playing. She created a beautiful atmosphere, but it was *not Don's atmo*sphere. Cigarette and pipe smoke and tea, Snowy the cat at his feet, and the sound of Bix Beiderbeck on his record player were Don's atmosphere. He would have been straining at the leash to go *— perhaps he was — but* Joyce and I stayed, finally leaving together.

The taxi dropped me at Richmond station. I hopped off my train at Clapham Junction to change for Victoria. Another train waited. I jumped in. The doors closed. It departed in the wrong direction. Wimbledon flew past. Trees and stations flew past. It stopped at Surbiton. I leapt out, sprinting over the platform to a waiting train. It pulled out, the same way. Fields flew past. We stopped in Esher. I jumped out. This was *my first time in Esher.* Don, I think, was now beginning to enjoy himself.

The station was unstaffed, but I found a timetable. The next train to London was in 20 minutes. Seeing a telephone kiosk, I decided to phone a few friends and share my predicament. Chatting merrily away, I heard the train pull in. I sprinted but — too late.

Standing alone in the dark, on the platform at Esher, I began to smile, then chuckle. The chuckle swelled to a heaving laugh, sub-hysterical, and I simply could not stop. Don, who had not enjoyed himself so much all evening, was laughing with me.

As a neglected election record shows, the great advocate of liberty was selective about its application

Was Burke a little too pragmatic on slavery?

For most of my lifetime, I have collected 18th-century books — my first purchase was made in 1940. All collectors find bargains from time to time. Much more rarely, one discovers a book whose significance is either unknown, or has been much underrated. I think that happened to me last Friday.

At the bookselling firm Bernard *Quaritch I came across a printed* 18th-century poll book. These poll books are all quite rare: they seem only to have been produced when an election result was contested, as part of the legal process of petition. This one is particularly rare: the only recorded copy, to which the one that is now mine must be added, is in the Bodleian Library at Oxford.

The title page reads: "The Bristol Poll Book, *being a list of persons who* voted at the General Election for the City and County of Bristol, begun Friday, October 7, 1774 and ended Thursday, November 3, at which election the candidates were Robert Craggs, Matthew Brickdale, Henry *Cruger and Edmund Burke." This is* the poll book of one of the most significant of all election contests, the election in which Burke challenged the American coercion policy of Lord North's Government, and first enunciated the celebrated constitutional doctrine, *recently invoked by Alan* Howarth, that constituents should not dictate to their Member of Parliament. "His unbiased opinion, his mature judgment, his enlightened conscience, he ought not to sacrifice to you: to any man or to any set of *men living."* More perhaps than any other single contest, the Bristol election of 1774 raised issues which either changed history or are still alive today — the issues of America, liberty, slavery and the British constitution.

I saw the obvious historic importance, but my purchase was clinched *when I found that it contained an* item of family history. We named our younger son Jacob after Jacob Mogg of Farrington Gurney, a successful 18th-century businessman who led the development of the north Somerset coalfield: he was my great-great-grandmother's great-uncle. He may have owned property in Bristol; anyway he had a vote. *Did he vote for* Edmund Burke on the great theme of *conciliation of America?* Not at all. He plumped for Matthew Brickdale, the Tory candidate, the supporter of Lord North. I knew my family had been Tories for many generations, but was that not pushing it a bit far?

The story of the election is simple *enough. Bristol was a two-member* constituency. When polling opened, there were three candidates, Craggs, Brickdale and Cruger: Craggs and Brickdale had been the Bristol Members in the previous Parliament. Cruger, who had been born in New *York and eventually died in the* United States, was a "Wilkes and Liberty" radical. Brickdale was a moderate Tory; Craggs an old-fashioned pro-Government Whig. Early in the poll, Craggs decided to withdraw, and Burke agreed to become a candidate; Burke was a Whig of the Rockingham faction, opposed to *Lord North's administration.* Brickdale therefore remained as the government candidate, and Cruger and Burke ran together in opposition. When the poll closed, Craggs had 283 votes, Brickdale 2,456 and Cruger and Burke were elected with 3,565 *and 2,707 votes respectively. The total* electorate voting was 5,384. Brickdale petitioned against the result, alleging that some 2,000 people had voted who were not entitled to, but his petition failed.

Because of Brickdale's petition, the *poll book listed every voter, showing* how he voted and giving his occupa*tion. We can trace the details of* political connections by parish and trade. Non-residents who were freemen or freeholders of Bristol could vote: 370 Londoners did so, and so did 449 residents of Somerset and 355 of Gloucestershire, the neighbouring

William Rees-Mogg

counties. There was even a voter from America: John Lloyd, merchant, of Charlestown, South Carolina, voted for Cruger and Burke, the straight opposition ticket. Even in 1774, voting was strongly influenced by class. Most of the gentry voted for Brickdale. Henry Hobhouse, Esq, then living in Clifton, was to be the ancestor of a distinguished Liberal family; he plumped for the Tory. But this was not universal: among the London voters, Stephen Popham, Esq, of Lincoln's Inn Fields, voted for Cruger and Burke. The Pophams, a parlia*mentary family in the Civil War, had* employed John Locke's father as their land agent, and perhaps had a hereditary radicalism.

It is known that dissenters, particularly the Methodists and Quakers, supported Cruger and Burke, though *the poll book does not give religion.* The Church of England was then solidly Tory. Even before withdrawing, Craggs had received 25 clerical votes, Brickdale had 44, but Cruger had eight and Burke only six, one of them from the Rev Walter Trevina, undermaster of Bristol Grammar School.

Burke had a majority of only 251 over Brickdale, who indeed won the seat back in 1780. Where did Burke's majority come from? He had large majorities in the two largest commercial parishes of Bristol — St James, and St Philip and Jacob (now, and perhaps then, known colloquially as *Pip and Jim). He had a useful majori*ty from the outside voters of London and Bath, and all ten Birmingham voters supported him. When one reads and re-reads the list, Cruger and Burke were plainly the candidates of the rising commercial class. But even that was far from universal. If Michael Wills, shopman of St *James, was the ancestor of the* greatest and wealthiest of Bristol dynasties, he could certainly claim to belong to this rising class. But he voted for Craggs and Brickdale, the Lord North ticket.

No one in Bristol, then or since, has put down the occupation "slave trader", but the American trade, and *the shipping interest, predominantly* voted for Cruger and Burke. If one takes the occupations of Burke's voters from the first page of the Clifton list, they read: a brightsmith, a boat-builder, a silversmith, two ship's carpenters, two rope-makers, two shipwrights, a sawyer, a yeoman, another rope-maker, another two shipwrights and a mason. At that time, the American colonies were boycotting British traders, including the slave traders. In March 1775, Burke made his great speech to Parliament advocating conciliation with America. There is an equivocal passage in which he opposes the idea of punishing the colonists by liberating their slaves. He thinks even the slaves might be suspicious. "An offer of freedom from England would come rather oddly, shipped to them in an African vessel, which is refused an entry into the ports of Virginia or Carolina, with a cargo of 300 Angola negroes. It would be curious to see the Guinea captain attempting at the same instant to publish his proclamation of liberty and to advertise his sale of slaves."

Yet was not Burke himself in the same moral position as the Guinea captain? He certainly depended on the votes of the Bristol-America trade, which included the Guinea captains, their mariners, their ship's carpenters and their boat-builders. He wanted to conciliate America, but in the interests of these Bristol traders. One did not have to change one's mind about the futility of Lord North's policy of coercion. Yet may not Jacob Mogg have had some reason, after all, to vote for the old-fashioned Tory *ticket, rather than for the progressive* rhetoric of Burke and the underlying moral inconsistency of his supporters, the Bristol merchants? The rising commercial class who voted for Burke were not to win political power for another 70 years, but the poll book demonstrates that he was elected in 1774 on a Bristol platform which *supported liberty for white Ameri*cans but slavery for black.

Tony Blair's patent mix

Peter Riddell says the new Shadow Cabinet may be in for a disappointment



A new Labour leader considers the prospect of power *after more than a decade in* opposition. "If elected, I intend to run Number Ten not only as chairman, but as a full-time managing director or chief executive, for my incoming team would have almost no Cabinet or administrative experience." Harold Wilson's predicament in 1964 was similar to Tony Blair's now. *As the Shadow Cabinet* elections showed, Mr Blair's team is not only inexperienced but contains an embarrassing number of duds. This will affect not just his leadership style, but whether he strengthens the office of Prime Minister.

A Prime Minister has many duties and powers — around three dozen according to Peter Hennessy's *The Hidden Wiring.* But as Asquith said, the office is "what its holder chooses and is able to make of it". There has been a lengthy and largely sterile debate about whether we have moved from Cabinet government to a more presidential system. But in reality, much has depended on personalities and circumstances, and there have been variations within the course of any premiership. Professor Anthony King describes in *The British Prime Minister* how "the badly battered Harold Wilson of 1967-69 was a very different Prime Minister from the triumphant Wilson of 1964-66" or the self-styled "deep-lying centre-half" of 1974-76). Margaret Thatcher was more constrained by senior colleagues, and by events, at the beginning and end of her premiership than in her dominant middle phase. John Major has operated a more collegiate style, involving the Cabinet, and its committees, in key decisions.

If there is no enduring model for Mr Blair, the closest parallels are with Wilson in 1963-64. In some ways, Mr Blair is in a worse position. Unlike Wilson, he has no experience of government, and by the next election Labour will have been out of office for about 18 years, compared with 13 years in 1964. He is also much more restricted by Labour's rule that the pre-election Shadow Cabinet should all go into the first Cabinet. In the 1960s, and up to 1981, the Shadow Cabinet was only 12, so Wilson could *include talented outsiders such as* Barbara Castle and Richard Crossman. Wilson made it clear that "he doesn't think anything of the Shadow Cabinet", which in 1963 included stalwarts like "Dick Mitchison, senile at 75" (according to Crossman's *Backbench Diaries). Wilson eased*

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Mitchison out with a life peerage, and made one of the others just a *minister of state. Only four of the pre*election Shadow Cabinet were still in the Cabinet after three years.

That example may appeal to Mr Blair, faced with an elected Shadow Cabinet of 19, including the chief whip. The team elected last Wednesday by Labour MPs — the main unreconstructed "old" section of the party — contains at least half a dozen people he would probably not want in any Cabinet. Three of the posts held by elected members — number two at education and employment, disabled rights and overseas development — are not currently in the Cabinet, *while three jobs in John Major's* Cabinet (national heritage, Chief Secretary and public services) are shadowed by MPs not elected last week. Other promising MPs who might be in a Blair Cabinet did badly *in the elections.*

As a powerful new Prime Minister, Mr Blair might choose simply to ignore party rules. But even if some elected mediocrities are sidelined as ministers of state, his initial Cabinet would be one of the least experienced ever. Although talented younger MPs are being put in middle-ranking *shadow posts, and might be promot*ed quickly in government, there is no one around with the brains of a Tony Crosland or of Roy Jenkins, who joined the Wilson Cabinet within 15 months of the 1964 election. Mr Blair would have to depend on an inner group — John Prescott, Gordon Brown and Robin Cook — though, like their predecessors, Morrison, Bevin, Dalton and Cripps in the late 1940s, and Callaghan, Brown, Jenkins and Castle in the 1960s, they are very wary of each other. Hence the addition to this trio of Donald Dewar as chief whip is significant, since not only is he shrewd but he can handle the prickly egos of the others.

In opposition, much of the shift in Labour's policies has been driven from the leader's office or by Mr Brown on the economic side. Mr Blair will have to decide both whether to follow Wilson's chief executive example of 1964-65 and whether to reinforce the Downing Street machinery. Jonathan Powell, a former diplomat with knowledge of Whitehall, is consulting former ministers and civil servants.

These issues have, coincidentally, been aired by the reviews of *Too Close to Call,* Sarah Hogg and Jonathan Hill's account of the Major premiership. Douglas Hurd urged both the revival of the think-tank the Central Policy Review Staff (abolished in 1983), and the appointment of a minister of state as chief of staff in No 10. During the Thatcher years, Lord Young of Graffham was considered for the post. But this idea has been rejected by Sir Charles Powell, former Downing Street private secretary and brother of Mr Blair's chief of staff, since it might create ministerial jealousies and dilute authority. He believes the current tight organisation can react more quickly than a larger, more formal, prime minister's department.

The key, however, will be how Mr Blair himself responds to the pressure of events. In opposition, he has impressed people by his single-mindedness and grasp, although he can be temporarily depressed by setbacks such as the leaked strategy memo six weeks ago. He has said *how he admires Margaret Thatcher's* clear sense of direction and determination. But he should remember how frustated she, and most of her predecessors, became with the constraints they faced. The power of a Prime Minister always looks greater from outside.

Time please

WITH the death yesterday of Sir Kingsley Amis, London has lost a *pugnacious fan of the pre-prandial* snifter. Every afternoon, he in*stalled himself in the same chair* in the window of the Garrick Club bar. And every afternoon, he was one of the last to head downstairs for lunch.

The splenetic author had become such an institution in his chair at the club that the committee had approached him recently with a view to commissioning a portrait of him. "They felt they needed to update their collection of pictures, and were going to get some watercolours done of the current members," says one member. "He was on the list and he had agreed to the portrait."

Whether a portrait of Sir Kingsley will be hung posthumously remains to be seen, but members have been missing his irascible presence at the bar, where he hasn't been seen since he fell ill in the summer. "His absence has created a vacuum," says one claret-nosed clubman. "The bar empties earlier now, whereas Kingsley could be relied upon to stay until the last minute, at 2 o'clock."

Sir Kingsley's enthusiasm for the pre-lunch drink was formalised when he signed up to a club within the Garrick called the 1400 Club, *dedicated to a good bar session,* lasting right through to 1400 hours. "They would meet on the first Friday of every month," says a member. "Sadly they've lost two members — John Osborne was a stalwart before he died."



"It's the just-escaped-from-prison look"

DIARY

● *From the weekly information sheet of St Peter's Catholic Church Winchester, with St Thomas More's and St Stephen's: "One World Week Events: This Tuesday — 50th Anniversary of the United Nations — Day Conference on 'Landmines' at the Prior's Hall from 10.00am to 4.00pm. This Saturday, Gathering the Fragments 2, from 3.30 to 9.00pm in Winchester Cathedral."*

Own goal

JACK STRAW, the Shadow Home Secretary, adamantly denied BBC accusations yesterday that he was lying low and trying to avoid the press after his lacklustre performance in the Commons on Thursday against Michael Howard.

"It's easy to find me," he says. "When Blackburn are playing away, I spend the weekend in Oxfordshire. But when they're playing at home, I'm in Blackburn." To relax, Straw took his children to see the film *Red Firecracker, Green Firecracker,* billed as a "sumptuous, enjoyably OTT melodrama of *ill-starred passion".* Almost the exact opposite of Straw's stumbling performance on Thursday.

World tour

A LUNATIC promotional tour has been dreamt up by Def Leppard, a supposedly musical outfit specialising in heavy metal. The group are to play three concerts in three continents in a day, in an attempt to win a place in *The Guinness Book of Records.*

They will play their first chord on stage in Tangier this morning at one minute past midnight, then fly to Heathrow for a "gig" in London at 11.30am, and finally take off to play in Vancouver at 9pm the same evening. Locals the world over are stocking up on ear muffs.

Billy-ho

HALF the world went missing *without trace last Tuesday. Asia,* Australia, Africa and Eastern Europe disappeared after half a giant map of the world was stolen from the busy offices of a public relations company in Soho.

What on earth anyone would want with half a map, painted on canvases weighing 130lb, is hard to fathom. It had been made to tour Britain to celebrate the 35th anniversary of the boardgame Risk, and was to be the scene of a variety of battles. Phillida de la Billière, who works for the company, had been entrusted with the vital prop when half of it went missing. She will doubtless turn for help to her *father,* General Sir Peter de la Billière, Commander of the British Forces during the Gulf War, who never lost his charts.



Def? You will be

● *At the Edmund Burke Society dinner in London last week, Conor Cruise O'Brien gave a talk based on his biography of the great Irish statesman. As a former Minister of Posts and Telegraphs in Dublin, he has already begun canvassing for a stamp to commemorate the 1997 bicentenary of Burke's death — but he generously offered his support if "the sister island" wishes to take up the idea.*

Full bodied

THE CRUSTIER oenophiles all but choked on their claret the other day when Château Mouton Rothschild unveiled its label for the 1993 vintage. After a sharp intake of breath, the wine world pronounced the drawing of a naked young girl by Balthus a little too fruity by half.

Mouton Rothschild has invited *painters to decorate its via extra*ordinaire every year since 1945. Dali, Miró, Chagall, Bacon and even Warhol all daubed their marks on Baroness Philippine de Rothschild's bottles of the finest claret.



Balthus's fruity number

Swiss-based Balthus chose to provoke, and the company is delighted: "The fragile and mysterious adolescent girl he has drawn for Mouton Rothschild 1993 seems to hint at some secret promise of undiscovered pleasure — a pleasure to be shared."

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WHERE THE BUCK STOPS

Devolution of prison management has limits

There is a silver lining to the cloud of litigation, claim and counter-claim which now obscures the argument over the sacking of the Governor of Parkhurst prison. The unfinished row between the Home Secretary and the departed Director-General of the Prison Service, exacerbated by the intervention of prison governors at the weekend, has reached a point at which greater clarity must descend on the troubled relationship between ministers and the agencies to which they devolve "operational responsibility".

The creation of semi-independent agencies created to administer everything from the Prison Service and the social security system down to the National Weights and Measures Laboratory is one of the greatest revolutions in government of the past decade. Acting to cure an organisational culture averse to change and a poisoned industrial relations climate, the Government devolved the management of the Prison Service in 1993. If ministers then believed that they could present and operate this change as a straightfoward devolution of authority, the escapes from Whitemoor and Parkhurst prisons will have set them straight.

Public safety is one of the core responsibilities of elected government and ministers. One of three prisoners who escaped from Parkhurst had made threats against those who had put him in prison and was considered dangerous. Police protection was provided to the trial judge and several policemen involved in the case until the prisoner had been recaptured. In such instances, a distinction between "policy" and "operations" can only serve to weaken the chain of accountability which should connect citizens and the political authorities responsible for public safety. As the Learmont report on the Parkhurst breakout emphasises, many "management" decisions on the details of everyday working life for prison staff make a difference to morale and efficiency. Numbers of escapes tend to rise in inefficient and demoralised prisons.

To underline the intertwined responsibilities of managers and ministers is not to question the principle of giving the Prison Service some independence of the kind which it enjoyed earlier this century. But there is a faint element of parody in the Next Steps review of agencies which sandwiches HM Prison Service between Historic Scotland and the HMSO. Each agency needs a relationship with government which reflects the characteristics of the work in hand. Increasing local control, to bring prisons closer to police forces, would solve little: police forces win public trust by the quality of their contacts with a local community. Prisons are not local institutions in anything like the same sense; the political and financial issues of holding high-security prisoners must be handled at national level.

The Prison Service can raise its own badly damaged morale only if its managers are free to set their own priorities. But the sensitivity of prison custody must mean that the buck stops on the Home Secretary's desk.

The key to making this relationship work is transparency. The House of Commons debate on the sacking of the Parkhurst governor shed some welcome light on how Michael Howard and Derek Lewis actually faced the Parkhurst crisis. The Home Office should commit itself to being regularly open on how this pivotal relationship works. If the Prison Service is to have a future as an agency, a Home Secretary must confine his or her interventions to guidelines necessary to retain public confidence. The Prison Service top management cannot therefore be held solely accountable for every mishap, but it should be for the quality of management. To retain the enduring confidence of the public and prison staff, both sides of this partnership need to be seen to work together.

GROWLING IN THE KREMLIN

Russian nationalism puts the pressure on Yeltsin

President Yeltsin has talks with President Clinton today that will, inevitably, end with a joint profession of common aims and common values. Mr Yeltsin will underline his commitment to market reform; Mr Clinton will salute East-West co-operation and the inclusion of Russia in America's strategic calculations. Both sides need to demonstrate, by exaggerated gesture and exuberant rhetoric, that the old days of suspicion and hostility are over. Their words should be treated with caution. More attention should be paid to the deepening differences between Moscow and Washington, and the new notes of strident nationalism sounded in the Kremlin.

Kremlin-watchers, otiose after the advent of glasnost, are again in demand. For the signs in Moscow are increasingly alarming. Russia is returning to old traditions of secrecy and authoritarianism. As the elections for the Duma approach, politicians are competing with each other to assert Russia's power, denounce the West, pander to nationalist sentiment and distance themselves from free market liberalism. The opinion polls show the Communists now ahead in the scrum of poorly organised factions. That, in itself, is no real cause for worry: Russia is unlikely to return to Brezhnevite Communism even if the party is victorious. More ominous is the broad agreement among Communists, hardline nationalists and, increasingly, those who once represented the Centre, on an assertive new platform that spurns co-operation with the West, champions the Serb cause, denounces Nato expansion, insists on Russian hegemony over the former Soviet republics and, under the guise of law and order, calls for a crackdown on the press, free marketeers and the perceived Western exploitation of Russia's economic weakness.

President Yeltsin, increasingly a Brezhnevite figure in uncertain health and surrounded by cronies, is still shrewd enough to realise that he needs the votes of this growing constituency if he and his Government are to survive. His strident rhetoric and erratic behaviour may, in part, be put down to his volcanic temperament — long dormant and then unpredictably explosive. But his extraordinary public dismissal of Andrei Kozyrev, suspended while the two make their rounds in New York, is a sop to the nationalist clamour and a clear signal that Russia intends to be a more difficult partner for the West. Using the Foreign Minister as a punchbag is an old Kremlin ploy, as Andrei Gromyko knew. Patience and flexibility may keep Mr Kozyrev in office for a while yet. But if and when he is replaced, any successor must clearly distance himself from the generally co-operative policies followed by the lonely liberal survivor in the Russian Government.

The approaching Duma election has highlighted the popular resentment against Russia's post-Communist disorder. But that disorder now threatens the entire process of democratic and market reform. Organised crime is seeping through the arteries of Russian society and poisoning the body politic. It is scaring away Western investment, widening the gap between rich and poor and endangering the whole cause of reform. Mr Yeltsin is leading a tottering society into an uncertain future, and is invoking old Russian prejudices to shore up his position. The West will need nerves and patience. Kremlinologists are pointing to an unpredictable and darkening future.

TIME TO CHANGE TIME

The annual switch to GMT costs lives and money

Imagine you are a politician. You are presented with a choice between two policies. One is almost universally hated, the other is known to be popular. One policy is guaranteed to kill children, the other to save their lives. One saves public money and is supported by the business community, the other increases public spending and damages Britain's ability to do business abroad. Which policy do you choose?

If you are John Major or Tony Blair, you choose the policy that wastes money, kills children, makes people miserable and which nearly everybody dislikes. You take it upon yourself to decree that it is winter even though the warmth of the sunshine and the blue skies plead for the continuation of summer. In the last week of October each year you inflict on the British public the misery of Greenwich Mean Time.

Greenwich Mean Time was designed for an agrarian society in which people habitually rose almost as many hours before dawn as they went to bed after dusk. To adapt time to the way people now want to live in Britain would be trivially easy. Either the Government could abolish the annual ritual of changing time and stay throughout the year on British Summer Time; or it could create an extra hour of afternoon sunlight in both the winter and summer by putting Britain permanently on Central European Time.

Either option would be wildly popular and would save the lives of hundreds of children, who are known to be at far greater risk of road accidents during dark evenings than mornings. Abolishing GMT would save public money, not only through the costs of accidents to the National Health Service but also because of the costs of heating and lighting government offices in the dark afternoons. It would boost government revenues by increasing tourism in Britain, which suffers a big fall during the months of afternoon darkness. Why then have all politicians ignored this appealing idea?

One reason is simple lack of imagination. But there two more sinister forces at work. The first is the apparent dread of anything which might be represented as "giving in to Brussels" or harmonising with Europe. This is the kind of Euro-sceptic fanaticism which could give the entire movement a bad name.

The second reason is even more preposterous. It is the apparent veto power which tiny vested interests can acquire over politicians. Some farmers, especially in Scotland, claim they would be inconvenienced by the abolition of GMT. A few thousand of these farmers, who already depend on lavish subsidies for their commercial survival, may sway a handful of marginal seats.

Therefore 50 million other people must fall into line, Scotland (which relies far more on tourism than any other part of Britain) must suffer huge economic losses and children must die on the roads. This is no way to run a democracy.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Opportunities in the Budget for cutting taxes

From Mr John Sinclair, FCA

Sir, Kenneth Baker, in his article suggesting ways in which the Chancellor could use his Budget to encourage enterprise ("The taxes that we should cut", October 17), appears to be unaware that employees' National Insurance contributions cease on earnings above £22,880 per annum. The marginal rate of tax on employment earnings above that level is thus 40 per cent, not the 50 per cent he cites.

Mr Baker also shows some muddled thinking. There may well be a case for treating capital gains as income; but to remove taxation on capital gains, as he advocates, or to offer significantly more favourable rates, would lead to decisions based upon tax avoidance rather than objective criteria.

If we tax all forms of income there is a very strong case for eliminating the double taxation that results from inheritance tax. If parents have worked hard, paid their taxes and saved to provide for their children, there is no moral or economic justification for penalising the transfer of those savings to their children, whether anyone else thinks they are "deserving" or not.

The general principle of taxation should surely be that all income, whether from employment, investment or capital gain, must be taxed once only at rates that are not a disincentive to enterprise and within a system that is neutral in terms of individuals' choice as to how they produce that income.

Yours faithfully,
J. SINCLAIR,
The Coach House,
Great Finborough,
Stowmarket, Suffolk.
October 18.

From Mr A. Kelson

Sir, Kenneth Baker's suggestion of tapering capital gains tax would help the elderly and frail to pay nursing or residential home fees. When the need to raise money arises unexpectedly, a person may be forced to sell investments. The current CGT annual allowance becomes almost insignificant when compared with annual care fees.

Insurance companies allow for reduced life expectancy in so-called impaired life annuities (also known as continuing care plans), but the Inland Revenue calculates the capital payback on normal life expectancy. The annual capital payback is thus reduced; the income element is increased with a corresponding increase in annual tax.

For example, a 74-year-old woman with a normal life expectancy of 13 years, but reduced to seven years by infirmity, pays an extra £807 a year tax — £5,649 over seven years — on an annuity purchased for £50,000.

The Government is said to be discussing helping those paying for care (report, October 19). I hope some conclusions will be revealed in the autumn Budget.

Yours faithfully,
A. KELSON,
15 York Avenue,
New Milton, Hampshire.
October 19.

From Lord McIntosh of Haringey

Sir, If Mr Kenneth Baker understands so little about the yield of capital gains tax (CGT) I fear for his business career when he leaves the House of Commons.

It is not surprising that the yield of capital gains did not increase in proportion when the rate was raised to match that of income tax. When CGT rates were lower than income tax rates, high earners and those with expensive and clever tax advisers made sure that their earnings came in the form of capital gains, so reducing their tax burden. Many thousands of hours of Inland Revenue time must have been taken up in attempting to counter this evidence.

And if, as Mr Baker seems to suggest, CGT were to be tapered out, beyond the existing provision for inflation, all the old avoidance dodges would be brought out and dusted off. It would be fascinating to observe the changes in the balance between salary and share options of, for example, directors of privatised utilities.

Yours faithfully,
ANDREW McINTOSH,
House of Lords.
October 19.

From Mr D. I. Brocklesby, FCA

Sir, If the Government wishes to cut public spending why not start by merging the DSS with the Inland Revenue?

A rate of, say, 7.35 per cent could be applied for National Insurance purposes, with no upper limit. In this way not only could higher-rate tax begin at a higher level but the penal 10.2 per cent employers' National Insurance contributions, which are a disincentive to employment, could also be reduced.

Perhaps if more people are employed, social security payments will be reduced. The starting salary on which the ever-growing number of part-time employees pay National Insurance could also be increased.

Kenneth Baker seems to think that the "fat cats" have a raw deal when it comes to capital gains tax. Haven't we got retirement relief, roll-over relief, reinvestment relief, personal equity plans, annual exemption (of as much as £12,000 for those still married) and indexation? If people wish to spend the gain other than paying into a pension policy why on earth shouldn't they be taxed?

Yours truly,
DON BROCKLESBY,
91 West Ella Road, Kirk Ella, Hull.

From Mr W. A. Somers

Sir, Can any of your pundits please tell me how, when it is common knowledge that to receive money from the State leads to dependency culture, moral degeneracy and goodness knows what other ills, to inherit it in large quantities would build up a class of people fit to govern Britain?

Yours sincerely,
TONY SOMERS,
15 Philbeach Gardens, SW5.

The right address in cyberspace

From Mr Philip Sweetenham

Sir, I was gently amused by Mr David Smythe's letter of October 16, asserting that car registration numbers and telephone numbers are more comprehensible and more memorable than Internet addresses.

First, consider the BBC's world wide web site (which provides information on BBC broadcasting in words and pictures), whose address is *http://www.bbcnc.org.uk* (no "dot" at the end). The start of the address tells the reader that it can be accessed by the world wide web (formally by using the hyper-text transfer protocol — *http*) and (reading the address from right to left) the computer is in the UK. It is owned by an organisation, namely the BBC's networking club, and the computer is especially named by its function of providing world wide web (www) pages for people to read.

My own electronic mail address is *philip.sweetenham@aeat.co.uk* — that is simply my name "at" the UK company, AEA Technology, where I work.

I agree with Mr Smythe that to the uninitiated Internet addresses are not obvious — neither are telephone numbers. Telephones have been around for longer than the Internet. Hence there are far fewer lay telephone users than Internet lay people. Given the benefits of this new technology (such as more information available more cheaply and to a wider audience), that situation is changing rapidly.

Yours faithfully,
PHILIP SWEETENHAM,
7 Berry Lane, Oxford.
October 17.

From Mr Nick Rosen

Sir, My own e-mail address, which is *nick@intervid.co.uk*, tells Mr Smythe that I am a subscriber via a commercial organisation based in the UK and named Intervid. *www.ox.ac.uk* is the address for a world wide web (www) page belonging to a British academic institution (*ac.uk*) — namely Oxford University.

A misconception seems to exist that every address needs to start *http://*. In fact, however, the address works just as well without it, so that *www.whitehouse.gov* would take you to the Washington White House page; so would *http://www.whitehouse.gov* (US addresses do not require a country code, which gives them a competitive advantage).

The conventions are very straightforward; it is simply a matter of getting to know them.

Yours etc,
NICK ROSEN (Managing Director),
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22-24 Buckingham Palace Road, SW1.
October 16.

Quebec referendum

From Dr Ged Martin

Sir, On October 30 the people of Quebec will vote on a proposition to proclaim the sovereignty of their province and so begin the process of secession from Canada.

Given our long historical links with Canada, some in Britain may feel that we should not stand silently by at this crucial moment, as Quebec determines its future and the future of Canada as we know it.

It may therefore be timely to draw attention to the editorial sentiments of *The Times* at a former period of tension between English and French-speaking Canadians, which I quote with slight abbreviation:

As regards the affairs of Canada, ... whatever the quarrels of the two races may be, it is clearly no part of our duty to take part in them. We are the friends of both sides, and can act for or against neither ... Canada has the power of shaping her own destinies, and it is neither possible if it were wise, nor wise if it were possible, to interfere.

We no longer think of Canada's two founding peoples as "races"; but in all other aspects, Sir, these sentiments remain as appropriate in October 1995 as they were when you first published them on June 17, 1861.

Yours sincerely,
GED MARTIN
(Director),
Centre of Canadian Studies,
University of Edinburgh,
21 George Square, Edinburgh 8.
October 22.

Good eggs

From Mr J. E. Jenkins

Sir, There appears to be a slight misunderstanding in your article on the Delia factor ("Britain's favourite dinner lady", October 17): on the problem of determining whether or not an egg is fresh we are advised, "it must float in water".

In case your readers are bemused, they may wish to consult the oracle, pages 20 and 21 of Delia Smith's *Complete Cookery Course* (1992), where she actually writes

place one [egg] in a bowl of cold water: if it sits on the bottom in a horizontal position, the egg is very fresh. On the other hand, if it tilts to a semi-vertical position, it is less fresh: and stale if it pops up into a completely vertical position.

Yours sincerely,
JOHN JENKINS,
6 Orchard End,
Rowledge, Farnham, Surrey.
October 17.

Off the hook

From Mrs Vivianne Ollerearnshaw

Sir, Mr Neil Riley would like to know how he and his wife should celebrate making their last mortgage payment (letters, October 13, 18).

Whatever they do, they should try not to dwell on the figure they have paid in total for their house over 25 years; otherwise the desire to celebrate the happy day will be wiped out.

Yours faithfully,
VIVIANNE OLLEREARNSHAW,
4 Oxford Gardens,
Mannamead, Plymouth, Devon.
October 18.

Jail security from either side of fence

From Matthew Williams

Sir, Re the current rather unsavoury scenes of indignation and betrayal caused by my (and two others') escape from Parkhurst earlier this year (report, January 4; leading article, January 5; letters, January 6, 7 & 12).

It will come as no surprise to Britain's prisoners that not a single member of staff at any level has been prepared to accept personal responsibility for their failings. Indeed, it is standard procedure to avoid blame for anything that goes wrong in prison, whether it be an escape, a suicide, bungled policies, poor education and training etc, etc.

The issue of "responsibility" over my escape is just another example of this practice — though unfortunately for the prison "managers" it has resulted in their incompetence, dishonour and total lack of integrity being spectacularly exposed to public view.

The scenes of frenzied back-stabbing and blame-shifting between these "professionals" give a brilliant insight into the reality of prison conditions: nobody knows what they are doing, nor do they care. As long as the papers don't get hold of it, it is acceptable.

Unlike all others concerned, I have no compunction about accepting my full responsibility for having escaped. I will take what's coming to me, no doubt to be meted out at the Home Office's leisure over many years.

Unfortunately for me, however, I do not have the option of resignation with a golden handshake, and a CBE when I'm 60.

Yours sincerely,
M. V. WILLIAMS,
HMP Frankland, Brasside, Durham.
October 18.

From Mr David Green

Sir, Michael Legge (letter, October 21) asks when the rules of confidentiality governing civil servants changed. They changed when the Home Secretary sacked Derek Lewis, so exposing himself to litigation in which relevant facts might enter the public domain and be legally privileged if published.

This is to the good. Ministers will now have to reflect on the wisdom of refusing responsibility for departmental deficiencies. The constitutional implications should endure long after Derek Lewis is forgotten.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID GREEN,
Rhyd yr Harding,
Castle Morris,
Nr Haverfordwest, Dyfed.
October 21.

Credit for Skye Bridge

From Dr J. C. Gibbings

Sir, It ill behoves architects, whose fellow professionals design buildings that ape the appearance of a chemical works, to then disparage the shape of the Skye Bridge ("Beautiful Skye's beast of a bridge", October 16). Understandably, not having the engineering skills to design any but the most elementary of stressed structures, they would not appreciate the design problems involved.

When a great building is completed the media names the architect for his achievement; and rightly so. But for the Skye Bridge, there is no mention — even in your columns known for their understanding of engineering — of the names of any of the individual engineers, British or German, responsible for this great achievement.

There are modern-day equivalents of the great Victorian engineers who were lauded in your columns in those times. And then you and your contributors ponder on why the brightest of school pupils do not go into the engineering profession.

Yours sincerely,
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October 18.

Science marking

From Mr G. G. Able

Sir, I was dismayed to see letters from Sir Arnold Wolfendale and Dr Nick Daley (October 18) repeating the statement in your brief report of October 12 that five headteachers' associations had called for A levels to be marked less strictly.

As a co-author of the relevant document I must point out that we are merely asking that grade boundaries should be adjusted so that it is equally easy, or difficult, to get corresponding grades in the mathematics and the sciences, which according to research are currently more difficult, or in the arts and social sciences.

We did not argue either way as to whether this should be achieved by the raising of grade boundaries in other subjects or by the lowering of grade boundaries in mathematics and sciences, as both will have the same effect.

Yours faithfully,
G. G. ABLE
(Headmaster),
Hampton School, Hanworth Road,
Hampton, Middlesex.
October 18.

Care or cure?

From Mrs M. Merrington

Sir, The cost of caring at home for someone with multiple sclerosis is, by my calculation, £31,000 a year. The cost of arresting the disease by the use of a new drug (Dr Graham Prowse's letter today) is £11,000 a year. Take your choice.

Yours faithfully,
MAXINE MERRINGTON,
Parrotts,
Rogate, Petersfield, Hampshire.
October 9.

A 'Ring' too far?

From Dr Humphrey Marten

Sir, I see from the photograph accompanying the review of the new production of *Götterdämmerung* at Covent Garden ("Music making of the highest order", Arts, and report, "Covent Garden jeers *The Ring*", October 16) that Brünnhilde wears a paper bag, and the Gibichungs wear tin hats.

What brilliance! What originality! But I gather that no conductor has yet had the brilliance and originality to introduce saxophones, electric guitars and thunderflashes into the *Ring* orchestra.

Like the *Odyssey*, the *Aeneid* and *Paradise Lost*, the *Ring* lies in a mythological world. I do not know in what world the soul of Wagner lies, but I am sure that he is longing for the day when (to borrow a saying from France) the last producer is strangled with the bowels of the last stage designer.

Yours faithfully,
HUMPHREY MARTEN,
6 Barnsley Road,
Edgbaston, Birmingham 17.
October 16.

From Mr Joseph Fitton

Sir, Your photograph says it all: *Götterdämmerung*, indeed!

If this is indeed opera "for our time", as your reviewer says it is, I shall save a lot of money in my retirement.

Yours faithfully,
JOSEPH FITTON,
Great Howarth House,
Wardle Road, Rochdale, Lancashire.
October 16.

Letters should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be faxed to 0171-782-5046.

Poppy scratchcards

From Mrs Julie Nightingale

Sir, Whilst applauding the Royal British Legion for joining the scratchcard race, on the "if you can't beat 'em, join 'em" principle (report, October 19), we should note that only 20p of every £1 spent in this way goes to Service personnel.

If instead people buy poppies in the street as usual but give twice as much as usual, they will know that all their money goes directly to the British Legion.

Yours sincerely,
JULIE NIGHTINGALE,
49a Hornton Street, W8.
October 19.

Lottery awards

From Mr Alun Thomas

Sir, Surely we can dispense with the services of Lords Gowrie, Rothschild, et al. The recipients of the lottery money should be decided by lot.

Yorus faithfully,
ALUN THOMAS,
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October 17.

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CLARENCE HOUSE

October 21: Dame Frances Campbell-Preston has succeeded the Hon Mrs Rhodes as Lady-in-Waiting to Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE RICHMOND PARK

October 21: Princess Alexandra, accompanied by the Hon Sir Angus Ogilvy, was received by The President of the Republic of Senegal in Dakar.

Her Royal Highness and the Hon Sir Angus Ogilvy later attended a Reception given by the British Ambassador in Senegal.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

October 22: The Duke of Edinburgh, President, World Wide Fund for Nature — WWF International, and Founder, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award International Association, left Heathrow Airport, London, this evening for South Africa. Sir Brian McGrath is in attendance.

ST JAMES'S PALACE

October 22: The Prince of Wales this afternoon gave a Reception for members of the Scottish Mountain Rescue Teams at Balmoral Castle.

KENSINGTON PALACE

October 22: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, was present this evening at "The Fleet's In", a Concert in aid of King George's Fund for Sailors, at the Theatre Royal, Drury Lane, London WC2.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE RICHMOND PARK

October 22: Princess Alexandra, accompanied by the Hon Sir Angus Ogilvy, today visited the offices of World Vision International at Thies and the World Vision Water Project at Golobe, and later toured Goree Island, Senegal.

Service dinners

HMY Britannia

Commodore Anthony Morrow, Commodore Royal Yachts, was present on Saturday night when officers of the Royal Yacht *Britannia* held their Trafalgar Night dinner at sea in the waters off Cape Trafalgar. Commander Hugh Daglish presided and proposed the toast to the Immortal Memory.

HMS Vanguard (Port)

The officers of Port Crew, *HMS Vanguard*, held a dinner at sea (dived) on Saturday night to mark the 190th Anniversary of Vice Admiral Viscount Nelson's victory at Trafalgar. The Commanding Officer, Commander P.J. Wilkinson, RN, was Guest of Honour. Lieutenant Commander G.A. Newton, RN, presided.

HMS Victory

Admiral Sir Michael Boyce, Second Sea Lord and Commander-in-Chief Naval Home Command, presided and proposed the toast to the Immortal Memory at a Trafalgar night dinner held on Saturday onboard the flagship *HMS Victory* in Portsmouth.

HMS Scotia

Lieutenant Commander W.A. Allan presided at a dinner held on Saturday in *HMS Scotia* to mark the anniversary of the Battle of Trafalgar. Lieutenant-Commander M. Noble proposed the toast to the Immortal Memory. Commander M. D. Simpson, Commanding Officer, was present.

HMS Claverhouse

Commodore Sir John Clark proposed the toast to the Immortal Memory at the annual Trafalgar Night dinner of the Claverhouse Association of Former Officers held on Saturday night at the New Club, Edinburgh. Lieutenant Commander J.H.F. Dempster presided.

Defence Postal and Courier Services

Brigadier T. McG. Brown presided at the annual reunion dinner of the Defence Postal and Courier Services Officers' Association held on Saturday at Simpsons-in-the-Strand. Among those present were:

Sir Iain Vallance, Chairman of BT, Mr Richard Mottram, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Defence, Mr Peter Howarth, Managing Director Royal Mail, Mr Kevin Williams, Managing Director Parcelforce, Brigadier Peter Chambers, Director Logistic Support Policy, and Colonel Cynthia Stewart, Deputy Director, US Military Postal Service Agency.



PAUL SANDERS

Theresa Holroyd, a teacher at the Manchester centre, instructs students in English

Chinese women feel more at home in centre

BY KATE ALDERSON

THE pressures of living in Britain for a group of Chinese women who felt isolated by the difficulties they encountered led them to set up a communal centre in Manchester.

The Wai Yin (Wisdom & Beauty) Chinese Women's Society was established in 1988 by a handful of Chinese women. The initial aim was to help them to confront the problem of not being fluent in English, a disadvantage which had left many feeling depressed and remote from English society.

Over the last seven years the society has established the centre, which has 300 members and offers a wide range of services to its 30 to 40 daily users.

Kin Chew, the manager, said that in the past those attending were mainly over the age of 35. This year, however, a pilot project called Young Chinese Women has been launched to attract those aged between 15 and 25. The project is funded with money from Europe.

"We found that we needed to encourage young Chinese women to interact and socialise," she said. "There was a clear need for them to get together and explore Chinese identity in a foreign country and the conflicts they experience between the Western and Chinese cultures. Knowing that other people feel as isolated or confused as you is very important and is the first step in rectifying the problem."

Courses offered at the centre are designed to confront the feeling of isolation; particular emphasis is laid on learning English. A translation and interpreter service is also provided in collaboration with Manchester City Council.

The centre's users can take up Mandarin courses, which have proved popular with English speakers. Computer training, calligraphy courses, opera singing classes and advice on benefits and council services form key components of the service.

Staff are a handful of volunteers, who also form the management committee, and two full-time and four part-time workers.

The centre began life without funding but has since received money from the Home Office and the local authority. Very little funding has been made available to the centre by the Chinese business community.

It will move to new ground-floor premises later this month from its second-floor venue to enable the crèche to be reopened and to ease access for the elderly, children and the disabled.

☐ *The centre has been shortlisted for the 1995 Community Enterprise Awards organised by Business in the Community and sponsored by* The Times *and Touche Ross. The names of the winners will be announced later this year.*

Schools news

King's House School

From July 1, 1996, King's House School is organising a week of events to celebrate the foundation 50 years ago. On the first evening there will be a service in St Mary's Church, Richmond, followed by concerts, plays and a music hall. On July 6 a Jubilee Ball will complete the celebrations. King's House is inviting past pupils to contact the School at 68 King's Road, Richmond, TW10 6ES, or telephone (0181 940 1878) if they would be interested in attending any of the events, and to pass this notice on to any of their contemporaries whom they know would like to join in. Further details will be sent out in the new year.

The School wants to trace any of the 24 Old Boys who started when the doors were first opened by Mr Ron Patullo in September 1946 or shortly afterwards. A re-union dinner could be arranged.

Solihull School

The Governors of Solihull School are pleased to announce that they have appointed Mr P.S.J. Derham, MA, as Headmaster of Solihull School to succeed Mr A. Lee, MA, who will be retiring at the end of the Summer Term 1996. Mr Derham is presently a Housemaster and Head of History at Radley College.

Today's royal engagements

The Duchess of Gloucester, as Patron of the Enham Trust, will attend a luncheon at Enham Place, Enham Alamein, Andover, at 12.25 to mark the 50th anniversary of the Egyptian Gift (commemorating the Battle of El Alamein).

The Duchess of Kent, as Patron of UNICEF, will attend an Yves St Laurent haute couture fashion show at the Savoy Hotel at 7.30.

Appointments in the Forces

The Army

Lieutenant Colonel: J M Heron RE — to be CO 73 Engr Regt, 23.10.95; J P R Hinton PA — to be BMM Kuwait, 24.10.95; C H Jackman RLC — To BAD Longtown, 23.10.95; G D Lilley RLC — to MOD 23.10.95; R G Medley RLC — to DBDHQ, 23.10.95; A K M Miller A&SH — to CATC, 23.10.95; E J Tomlinson REME — to RA Ranges Hebrides, 23.10.95.

RETIREMENTS

Colonel: A G Platt Late REME, 24.10.95.

Royal Air Force

Group Captain: J A Ball — HQ I GP, 23.10.95; M H Shields — D of R&S (RAF), 27.10.95; G A Miller — RAF Lossiemouth, 27.10.95; C R Cooper — HQ NATO, 27.10.95.

Latest wills

Mrs Elsie Mary Bull, of Sunderland, Tyne and Wear..... £539,413.

Katherine Nicola Coke, of Cambridge..... £570,511

Mr Alfred Harvey Forster, of Slough, Berkshire..... £1,089,841

Mrs Florence Kirkpatrick, of Fordingbridge, Hampshire £739,276

Mrs Mary Seward, of Beaconsfield, Buckinghamshire... £596,907

Mrs Ida Rachel Simmonds, of London NW11..... £868,703

Mr John Gordon Wordsworth, of Sutton St Nicholas, Herefordshire..... £558,499

Election

Lorimers' Company

The following have been elected officers of the Lorimers' Company for the ensuing year:

Master, Mr John F.S. Northcott; Upper Warden, Mr John A. Bischoff; Under Warden, Mr Graham B. Forbes.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr D.H. Brown and Miss J.R. Green

The engagement is announced between David, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Sydney Brown, of Harborne, Birmingham, and Julia, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Jack Green, of Taunton, Somerset.

Mr K. Jackson and Miss H. Sprague

The engagement is announced between Keith, younger son of Mr and Mrs Arthur Jackson, of Elmesthorpe, Leicestershire, and Hannah, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs David Sprague, of Calbourne, Isle of Wight.

Mr R.A.H. Marsden-Smedley and Miss C.V.M. Knight

The engagement is announced between Robert, elder son of Mr and Mrs Andrew Marsden-Smedley, of The Glebe House, Bayton, near Kidderminster, Worcestershire, and Claudia, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Wyndham Knight, of Wakeford Farm House, Pamber End, Basingstoke, Hampshire.

M P.A. Néri and Miss L.S.J. Desmond

The engagement is announced between Philippe, only son of M and Mme B. Néri, of Glion, Switzerland, and Louise, daughter of Mr D.F. Desmond, of Ayot St Lawrence, Hertfordshire, and Mrs K.S. Gardner, of Welwyn, Hertfordshire.

Mr D.P. Robinson and Miss M.M. Burke

The engagement is announced between David, elder son of Mr Brendan Robinson, of Godstone, Surrey, and Mrs Kathleen Farmer, of Sale, Cheshire, and Michelle, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Burke, of Shrewsbury, Shropshire.

Mr D. Valle and Miss S. Garcia

The forthcoming marriage is announced and will take place on October 26, in London, between Dimas Valle and Stella Garcia.

Marriages

The Earl of Derby and the Hon Caroline Neville

The Duke of York was present at the marriage of the Earl of Derby, son of the late Hon Hugh Stanley and of Mrs William Spiegelberg, of Tarporley, Cheshire, to the Hon Caroline Neville, daughter of Lord Braybrooke, of Audley End, Essex, and Mrs Christopher Parsons, of Bath, held on Saturday at St Mary's, Saffron Walden. The Bishop of Chelmsford and the Bishop of Liverpool officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by the Hon Lucinda Neville, Jessica Crawley, Iona Hutley, Isabella Deterding, Georgina Henderson, Henrietta Spiegelberg, Alexander Murray, Sam Hunter, Viscount Alexander, Rory Landale, Hugh Stanley and Malcolm Hamilton. Lord Dalmeny was best man.

A reception was held at Audley End, and the honeymoon will be spent abroad.

Mr M.I.R. Betti-Berutto and Miss S.M. Farrell

The marriage took place on Saturday at St Mary's, Cadogan Street, of Mr Marco Betti-Berutto, only son of Signor Carlo Betti-Berutto, of Rome, and of Mrs Marilena Scala Leon, of Newington, Oxfordshire, to Miss Sophie Farrell, only daughter of Mr T.H.F. and the Hon Mrs Farrell, of Beverley, East Yorkshire. Canon Herbert Veal officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by William Hildyard, Robert Tyrwhitt, Letitia Tyrwhitt, Polly Krabbe and Caitlin Couper. Mr Bijan White was best man.

A reception was held at the Cavalry and Guards Club, Piccadilly, and the honeymoon will be spent abroad.

Mr A.C. Kinnear and Mrs S.J. Duke

The marriage took place on Saturday, October 7, of Mr Andrew Kinnear and Mrs Jay Jay Duke.

Mr J.A.R. Macdonald and Miss M.L. Connolly

The marriage took place on Saturday at St Etheldreda's, Guilsborough, Northamptonshire, of Mr James Macdonald, younger son of the late Sir Somerled Macdonald of Sleat, and of Mary Lady Macdonald of Sleat, of Rudston, Yorkshire, to Miss Mary Lucinda Connolly, daughter of Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs L.C. Connolly, of Guilsborough. Canon W.G. Gibbs and Canon R.W. Miles officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Arabella Bagnall, Nicholas Lynch-Staunton and Ben Evans. Sir Ian Macdonald of Sleat was best man.

A reception was held at the home of the bride and the honeymoon will be spent abroad.

Mr T.W.M. Smart and Miss K.J. Lloyd

The marriage took place on Saturday, September 30, at The Temple Church, London, of Mr Timothy Smart, son of Mr and Mrs Ian Smart, of Wootton, Woodstock, to Miss Kirstie Lloyd, daughter of Mr and Mrs Barrie Lloyd, of Guildford, Surrey. The Rev Canon Robinson, Master of The Temple, officiated.

The bride was given in marriage by her father and was attended by Miss Meg Harris and Miss Jane Farquharson. Mr Domenic Carratu was best man.

A reception was held at Middle Temple Hall and the honeymoon is being spent abroad.

Dinners

New Britain

Admiral of the Fleet Sir William Staveley proposed the toast to the Immortal Memory at a Trafalgar Day dinner given by New Britain on Saturday at the Commissioner's House, Chatham Historic Dockyard. Mr Dennis Delderfield, National Chairman of New Britain, presided. Mr Roy Faiers, Editor of *This England*, also spoke. The Mayor and Mayoress of Rochester were present.

Foundation for Science and Technology

Lord Butterworth, CBE, DL, Chairman of the Foundation for Science and Technology, presided at a dinner discussion held jointly with the Paris Chamber of Commerce and Industry at the Palace of the President of the French Senate in Paris on Tuesday, October 17, 1995.

This was preceded by a reception given by the Ambassador at the British Embassy in Paris. M Joël de Rosnay and Sir Richard Sykes spoke on "Compared Innovation and Competitiveness in Britain and France". Others present included:

M Victor Chapot, M Hubert Flahault, Dr Richard J Haas and M Claude Jablon.

Old Oakhamians

Mr Graham Smallbone, Headmaster of Oakham School, was the guest of honour at the annual dinner of the Old Oakhamian Club held on Saturday at the school.

The Rev Terence Treanor, president, was in the chair.

Reception

2 Temple Gardens

The Chambers of Patrick Phillips, QC, held a Reception at Christie's, King Street, St James's, on October 18, 1995, to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the establishment of these Chambers at 2 Temple Gardens.

Seminar

Council of Religious and Interfaith Organisations

Sir Sigmund Sternberg spoke yesterday in New York, on The Value of Dialogue, at a seminar held by the Council of Religious and Interfaith Organisations, as part of the United Nations 50th Anniversary celebrations.

Memorial

David Richard Thompson

A Memorial Service for David Richard Thompson, CB, QC, will be held in Lincoln's Inn Chapel on Wednesday, November 22, 1995, at 5.00pm.

Nature notes

IN THE warm sunshine, house sparrows and starlings have been taking nesting material into holes, but not many of them will get as far as laying an autumn clutch of eggs. Redwings are now arriving from Iceland and Scandinavia and feeding avidly on the rich crop of hawthorn berries. These small thrushes with white eyestripes are very shy at present and flutter wildly out of the bushes when people approach, but they can be recognised by their long, thin calls. Among the summer visitors, a few yellow wagtails and common terns are still passing through.

The bright blue flowers of field speedwell are still blossoming under hedges, and red campion and red clover are also lingering on. Large mushrooms are springing up where the stubble has not been ploughed in. Crab-apple trees are laden with yellow fruit, and where the sloes are thickly clustered on the blackthorns, they look like a patch of blue sky showing through the branches. Late insects include red admiral butterflies, which gather round the ivy flowers, and common darter dragonflies, which have narrow red bodies and like to rest on sunny paths.

DJM



Redwing: very shy

Birthdays today

Sir Anthony Bamford, chairman, J.C. Bamford Group, 50; Professor G.W.W. Barker, archaeologist, 49; Mr Arthur Brittenden, journalist, 71; Mr Johnny Carson, American broadcaster, 70; Major Edwina Coven, former Chief Commoner, 74; Mr John Craven, chairman, Morgan Grenfell Group, 55.

Lord Hunt of Tanworth, 76; Mr Roger Jones, managing director, Woolworths, 58; Sir Archie Lamb, diplomat, 74; Professor Sir Frank Lawton, Professor of Operative Dental Surgery, Liverpool University, 80; Mr Iverach McDonald, former associate editor, *The Times*, 87; Pele, footballer, 55; Lord Remnant, 65; Mr G.J. Robinson, chief executive, Granada Group, 47; Mrs Anita Roddick, founder, Body Shop International, 53; the Earl of Shannon, 71; Baroness Trumpington, 73; Baroness Young, 69.

Appointments

Mr Adrian White and Mr Richard Eyre to be Governors of the BBC.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Jean-Philippe Rameau, organist and composer, Dijon, 1683; Francis Jeffrey, Lord Jeffrey, judge and literary critic, Edinburgh, 1773; Adalbert Stifter, novelist, Oberplan, Czechoslovakia, 1805; Pierre Larousse, lexicographer, Yonne, France, 1837; Robert Bridges, Poet Laureate 1913-30, Walmer, Kent, 1844; Louis Riel, Canadian insurgent, St Boniface, Manitoba, 1844; Douglas Jardine, Surrey and England cricket captain, Bombay, 1900; Diana Dors, actress, Swindon, Wiltshire, 1931.

DEATHS: Thomas Pride, Parliamentary soldier, Worcester House, Surrey, 1658; Edward Stanley, 14th Earl of Derby, Prime Minister 1852, 1858-59 and 1866-68, London, 1869; W.G. Grace, cricketer, London, 1915; John Boyd Dunlop, inventor of the pneumatic tyre, Dublin, 1921; Zane Grey, writer of Western novels, Altadena, California, 1939; Al Jolson, singer, San Francisco, 1950; Merle Oberon, actress, Los Angeles, 1979.

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BIRTHS

EDEN - On 20th October, to Alicia and Henry, a daughter.

GREENSON - On October 2nd, to Elizabeth (née Wilson) and James, a daughter, Alice, a sister for Eleanor and Cordelia.

DEATHS

ALLCARD - On 20th October 1995, John Eardley peacefully at home aged 90 years. Greatly loved by all his family and friends. Funeral Service at West Clandon Parish Church, Friday 27th October at 2.30pm. Please no flowers, letters or donations.

CHATWIN - On October 15th, suddenly in France, Margherita of Stratford-upon-Avon, aged 82, wife of Charles, mother of Bruce and Hugh, and fondly remembered by her daughter-in-law Elizabeth. The funeral has already taken place.

CHEAPE - Peacefully at St Andrews on 19th October 1995, Gladys Cheape, widow of the late Alexander Ogilvy Cheape of Strathkyrnie. Funeral Private. Memorial Service will be held at a later date.

CHEESMAN - Professor Dudley Frederick died peacefully at Chelsea and Westminster Hospital on 14th October 1995. He will be sadly missed by family and his many friends. Funeral Service will be held on Wednesday 25th October 1995 at 2 pm at the South London Crematorium, Rowan Road, Streatham, SW16. No flowers please but donations if desired should be sent to the Muscular Dystrophy Group, 7-11 Prescott Place, London SW4 6BS or to E. Lerner & Son Funeral Directors. (0171) 223-6432.

DEATHS

DAIN - Peacefully, at home, on Friday, 20th October, Jean, aged 75 years, of Tirril, Penrith, much loved wife of Frank. Private cremation. Service of Thanksgiving at St Michael's Church, Barton, Penrith on Tuesday 24th October at 2pm. Donations if desired to be shared between local Churches and Faith in Action may be sent to John Richardson & Son, Funeral Directors, Victoria Road, Penrith. telephone: (01768) 891189.

DARLING - On October 19th 1995, peacefully in Poole Hospital, R.C. Maxwell-Darling (Pat), aged 88 years. Funeral Service at St John's Church, Wimborne, tomorrow Tuesday 24th October at 2.30 pm and afterwards at Poole Crematorium at 3.30 pm. Flowers or donations, if preferred, for the "Wessex Area" payable to St John's Wimborne, may be sent c/o Charles Small & Son, Funeral Directors, 15 West Street, Wimborne, Dorset BH21 1JR.

DUGUID - Barbara Neil (née Robinson) on 17th October peacefully in her 98th year. Fond widow of Tom, mother of Liza and grandmother of Nick, Fiona and Richard. Private cremation has taken place. Memorial service in Stoke Gabriel parish church at 15.00 Saturday 25th November.

GURESTON - Evelyn Bligh St. George "Gwydenia", O.B.E. Peacefully on October 20th in her 99th year. Beloved wife of the late Sir Derrick Gunston Bt. MC, grand mother of Caroline and John and great grandmother. Receive at 12 pce. Funeral Holy Trinity Church Wickwar Glos Thursday October 26th at 11.30am. Flowers to church.

KIRK WILSON - On October 20th 1995, in Marlborough, Maureen aged 85, widow of Alec, much loved mother of Anne Kignell, Nicola Peck and Alexander and a beloved and devoted grandmother. Enquiries to Thomas Five & Sons. (01672) 512110.

DEATHS

PARKINS - John Alfred, Fencing Master, died suddenly after an unexpected illness at Crawley Hospital on Friday 20th October, aged 64 years. Beloved husband of Suzi, much loved son of Katherine and brother of Jeremy. Loving father of Charles and much loved grandfather of Jenny and Katie. Will be sadly missed. Funeral service at 1pm St. Swithuns Church, East Grinstead, West Sussex on Wednesday 1st November. Flowers to Chappell & Rice, East Grinstead.

PYTCHES - On October 18th 1995 John Julian. Much loved by Barbara, Jane, Kate and all the family. Funeral service at St Peters Church, Chetcutle, near Sherborne on Thursday October 26th at 2.30 pm. No flowers, donations may be given to "Help Medicine" Appeal Fund C/o Eason Funeral Services, Newell, Sherborne, Dorset.

REDVERS-BATE - On October 16th, peacefully, Mary Frances, beloved mother of Donnal and Simon and a much loved grandmother. Cremation has taken place.

TRAVERS-SMITH - Dorothea Maudes on 20th October 1995 peacefully in her 93rd year daughter of Doctor Victor Edwin Travers-Smith. Cremation at Putney Vale Crematorium on Thursday, 26th October at 2.15 pm. All enquiries to Mears & Colsell (0181) 874 7698.

WILLIAMS - Peacefully on 19th October. Zena Evelyn Williams (ex Welsh Office). Funeral Thursday October 26th. Enquiries to Tovey Bros., 9/11 Cardiff Road, Newport, Gwent, tel: 0163333 266848.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

THOMPSON - A Memorial Service for David Richard Thompson CB QC will be held in Lincoln's Inn Chapel on Wednesday 22nd November 1995 at 5 pm.

IN MEMORIAM — PRIVATE

MANLY - Robert Graham of Southport. 23rd October 1952 - 21st March 1995. Birthday remembrances of a beloved husband, father, brother and son - lost at sea 21st March this year.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that it is my intention to declare a first and final dividend to unsecured non preferential creditors of the above named companies no later than 30 November 1995. Creditors who have not proved and are required on or before 25 November 1995 to send their proofs of debt to the undersigned T R Harris of Chantrey Vellacott, 2 Rougier Street, York YO1 1HR, Bournemouth, Dorset BH2 6EH. No further notice will be given. After that date I may distribute the assets having regard only to those debts of which I have had notice. A creditor who has not proved his debt by the date specified will be excluded from the dividend.

Signed: T R HARRIS, Joint Liquidator
Date: 16 October 1995.

S H R STEEL METAL ENGINEERING LIMITED

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of the creditors of the above named company will be held at the offices of Pannells and Appleby, 32 High Street, Winchester, SO23 9DD on Monday 6 November 1995 at 12.000 noon for the purpose mentioned in Sections 99, 100 and 101 of the said Act.

Pursuant to Section 98, Subsection (2)(b) of the Act, Mr P Lemon of Pannells and Appleby, 32 High Street, Winchester, SO23 9DD is appointed to act as the Qualified Insolvency Practitioner who will furnish Creditors with such information as they may reasonably require.

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Signed: T R HARRIS, Joint Liquidator
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OBITUARIES

SIR KINGSLEY AMIS

Sir Kingsley Amis, CBE, novelist and poet, died yesterday aged 73. He was born in south London on April 16, 1922.

Kingsley Amis was an essentially *private* man who spent a great deal of his life in the public eye and managed rather to enjoy it. His first published novel, *Lucky Jim*, won him immediate acclaim in 1954, as well as the Somerset Maugham Award. It established him as a master of invective and a man well able to raise a guffaw from his readers, especially the male ones. For the next 40 years Amis produced a regular flow of books which established him as the leading British comic novelist of his generation. The tone varied considerably but Amis picked his targets carefully and his aim was deadly accurate. He wrote *about what he knew well and made sure* that he did not too much like what he saw about him.

In March 1991 the limelight became especially strong with the publication of *his Memoirs. As he moved through his* sixties Amis deliberately put on a cantankerous face to the world: the old buffer became the old curmudgeon. He had developed a reputation, only partly *deserved, of being rude to those who* disturbed his wellbeing, such as incompetent waiters, and to those whose opinions he derided, notably of the political Left. The image he cultivated was much enhanced by his *Memoirs*, which blew up a fine old literary dust.

No book he wrote, not even *Lucky Jim*, attracted so much publicity on its first appearance. In a spate of profiles Amis, usually photographed in his shirt sleeves with his baggy trousers supported by massive braces drawn up somewhere around his sternum, managed for the quality press many a glare that would have done credit to Evelyn Waugh himself. Word quickly got around that Kingsley Amis had done another demolition job, this time of well-known names not only among the dead but also among — crime of crimes — the living. One leading newspaper called the book morally repugnant and thoroughly vindictive.

Only when that dust had settled did *Memoirs* become recognised at least by some for what it was, an assembly of highly collectable anecdotes which would have entertained any dinner party (not comprised of maiden aunts) or literary saloon bar. The storyteller was back at work, but revealing very little about himself apart from his dislikes: reluctance by others to stand their round of drinks came very high on the list. Indeed, in the preface there was a warning sentence: "I have already written an account of myself in 20 or more volumes, most of them called novels." The limelight was there, but amidst the profiles in print and on television the private person remained hidden.

Amis could well have argued that there was not now a great deal to hide. By the time he entered his seventies his life had become rigidly set. During the week he moved between his home in Primrose Hill, which was the self-contained ground floor of a house shared with his first wife Hilly (now Lady Kilmarnock), and the Garrick Club. At weekends, when the Garrick was closed, a pub down the road called the Queens substituted. Amis wrote in the morning, arrived at the Garrick about 12.30, never sat down to lunch there before 2pm, had a few drinks afterwards, wrote again a little in the late afternoon and very rarely went out in the evening.

His hatred of travel, if anything, magnified. He only left London in August to holiday with friends in Swansea when the Garrick was closed. Kingsley Amis, who had regularly played at being an old man, had at last become one. Trouble with his legs and feet prevented him from walking more than a few yards; the bouts of melancholia, which had been with him off and on for much of his life, increased, often prompted by the death of another old friend. *That usually meant the loss of one more* drinking companion.

A little of the limelight returned when it emerged that he had agreed for a biography to be written despite the publication of *Memoirs* a couple of years back. The author was Eric Jacobs, a journalist and fellow member of the Garrick. Amis was probably encouraged by the fact that the "research" would involve a number of convivial lunches both at the Garrick and the Queens. Despite his infirmities and persistent hypochondria Amis was still able to take in a good *quantity of wine* and whisky without apparent ill-effects. Jacobs more than once complained that he had difficulty in keeping up with his quarry — in alcohol.

Kingsley Amis came out earlier this year but already its subject's reputation was in decline, especially among the younger, liberal-leaning literary critics. Their venom was fiercely directed against *The Biographer's Moustache* (1995) which Amis, ever ready to turn recent experiences to good use, published shortly after the Jacobs study. The story of a literary hack commissioned to write the biography of a Grand Old Man of Letters, who spends more time hobnobbing with dukes than adding to his oeuvre, attracted some splenetic reviews. By Amis standards the book was slight, but he was sharply wounded by the mauling he received. The bounce and self-confidence began to evaporate.

Kingsley Amis was born in Norwood, south London, into a family that had in his own words come down a bit in the world and "slipped a rung". He began his education at Norbury College, which "only had two famous alumni. *Me and* Derek Bentley." (Bentley was executed on a murder charge.) He went on to City of London, his father's old school, and won an exhibition to St John's College, Oxford, where he arrived "in impeccably



proletarian style" in 1941. Military service, in the Royal Corps of Signals, intervened.

At Oxford, after the interruption of his war service, he formed a number of crucial friendships. The first was with Hilary (Hilly) Bardwell, who was an art student and then a model — head only, no stripping — at the Ruskin School of Art. A two-year affair ended in an Oxford marriage in 1948 when Hilly was already pregnant with Amis's first son, Philip. They remained together, despite peccadilloes on both sides, until the early 1960s and were divorced in 1965. Amis draws on Hilly as a principal character in two of his novels. The married period features in *Take a Girl Like You* and the reunion under the same Primrose Hill roof is thinly disguised in *The Folks that Live on the Hill*.

The second great Oxford friendship was with the poet and librarian Philip Larkin, one of the few people apart from Hilly for whom Amis had almost unreserved admiration — "the best poet I know apart from Housman". Larkin and Amis were united in a love of jazz and their glee in debunking other writers, especially those on the Oxford syllabus. Larkin went *through early drafts of Lucky Jim* suggesting alterations, he was the dedicatee of the finished product and a street where he lived for a time even provided the surname of the hero, Jim Dixon. The friendship of the two men was to remain until Larkin's death and Dixon was to become recognised, quite quickly, as one of the great comic creations of 20th-century fiction.

The novel was published in 1954, by which time Amis had been a lecturer in English literature at University College, Swansea, for five years. He ended up there, he claimed, because Swansea made its academic appointments rather late and avowed that he was lucky to get the job. But he stayed until 1961, when he transferred none too happily to Peterhouse, Cambridge. Several of his Swansea colleagues reckoned to have identified themselves, probably quite correctly, in Jim Dixon's march through the pomposities and incompetences of provincial academic life. But Amis survived the spleen of those affected by his lampoons, just as Jim Dixon managed to survive being classified (incorrectly) as one of the angry young men who were fast becoming fashionable. Amis rather liked South Wales, returning to it often, and found that some of those who lived there provided excellent raw material. It was to be the setting of one of his funniest — and sourest — novels, *The Old Devils*, which won the Booker Prize in 1986. Amis treated the award-giving dinner with appropriate dyspepsia. The success of *Lucky Jim* and a legacy left to Hilly raised the Amis lifestyle above the subsistence level given to a university lecturer.

Amis novels in the familiar yellow and black jackets of his first publisher, Gollancz, followed every two or three years: *That Uncertain Feeling* (1955), *I Like It Here* (1958) and, probably funniest of all, *Take a Girl Like You* (1960). They were written with fine comic assurance and in some cases were popular enough to be filmed, though not with any great success. The year 1963 brought *One Fat Englishman*, which drew on his experiences as visiting lecturer at Princeton University, an episode also described acidly in *Memoirs*. He was to return to America ten years later, in 1967, this time to Vanderbilt in Nashville, Tennessee. On occasion he could be quite warm about America, saying that he would have gone there more often had he been able to overcome his fear of flying. But that he never achieved and as he got older all forms of travel, including simple train journeys, filled him with apprehension — or so he said.

By the early 1960s Kingsley Amis was fully involved with the novelist Elizabeth Jane Howard. They met for the first time at the Cheltenham Literary Festival in the autumn of 1962. Amis made a pass at his blonde and sophisticated fellow panellist and was straightaway accepted. He moved out of the family home and in with the twice divorced Elizabeth Jane, whom he married in 1965. It was in part a literary association: he helped her with her novels and she helped him with his. But it also soon became a stormy one. Neither seemed willing to bridge the gaps between them of taste and class: she liked polished dinner parties and he preferred conversations in pubs. There were regular arguments about Amis's drinking habits. Amis left a record of the relationship in one of his most misanthropic novels, *Jake's Thing*, and they separated for good in the early 1980s.

In the mid-1960s Amis moved from Gollancz to Cape (he was to end up with HarperCollins) and branched out from his regular terrain of comic novels with their strong underlying vein of censure. *Colonel Sun: A James Bond Adventure* (1968), which took over where Ian Fleming left off, was a thriller he published under the pseudonym of Robert Markham. Previously, and also pseudonymously, he wrote *The Book of Bond* by "Lt-Col. Tanner". There was an indifferent but larky collaboration with his friend Robert Conquest, *The Egyptologists*. But Amis, the professional critic who analysed how others wrote, was adept at mastering established genres. *The Green Man* (1969) was an accomplished ghost story in M. R. James style, *under-appreciated when it first came out* but winning some belated admiration when it became a television serial in 1990. *The Riverside Murders* (1973) showed that he could write a detective story along with the best of them. His fascination with science fiction had already been displayed in *New Maps of Hell* (1961).

There was Amis the poet, a man who felt that his collections of verse were underestimated, and Amis the editor of poetry with *The New Oxford Book of Light Verse*. There was Amis the literary critic and Amis the expert on Kipling, *Kipling and his World*. Most especially, there was Amis on drink. Alcohol, usually consumed in large quantities, played an important part in most of his novels and he wrote a number of books on the subject. He was a wine bibber — and a spirit bibber for that matter — who knew what he liked and was vituperative about what displeased him. His restaurant column for *Harpers & Queen* was eccentric, diverting and long-lasting.

Beneath the clubbable bonhomie, regularly on display at the Garrick (or Irving, as it became in *The Folks that Live on the Hill*, 1990), and the talent to amuse with funny faces and well turned anecdotes, there was a powerful vein of melancholy. *Ending Up* (1974) is one of his shortest novels and one of his bleakest, a study of the viciousness the elderly show to one another. Thames Television's attempt to put it on screen was much too soft. Amis had only just entered his fifties when he wrote it and possibly he thought it better in the future to put on the mask of the old curmudgeon. Bile was replaced by anger in *Jake's Thing* (1978), directed at psychiatrists, the monstrous regiment of women in general and Elizabeth Jane Howard in particular.

Amis acquired the reputation of being a misogynist and there was plenty of ammunition for his critics in *Stanley and the Women* (1984) and *The Old Devils*. The latter was the masterpiece of his curmudgeon period. It was also highly successful as a television series. He was no favourite of feminist writers and was glibly dubbed "a man's humorist". For a time that probably pleased him: he knew quite a lot about women and delighted in the least pleasant aspects of his knowledge. But he also knew that the tide of taste was turning against him. *You Can't Do Both* (1994) has a hero, Robin Davies, whose life resembles quite closely that of the young Amis. It carries a new mood of half-regret for past misdeeds and, notably, it is dedicated to Hilly. But even such realisations had not prepared him for the vituperation which greeted *The Biographer's Moustache*. Like Maurice Allington in *The Green Man*, Amis felt he was being haunted by some very unpleasant spectres.

Kingsley Amis was appointed CBE in 1981 and knighted in 1990. He is survived by his three children from his first marriage (Philip, the novelist Martin and Sally) and by both his former wives.

LILLIAN FUCHS

Lillian Fuchs, viola player, died on October 5 aged 92. She was born in New York on November 18, 1902.

ALTHOUGH Lillian Fuchs was known to the concert-going public as an excellent *viola player*, she was in fact a musician with several strings, as it were, to her bow. She also played the violin, composed for the viola and taught and played in chamber groups.

Lillian Fuchs lived in New York, where a great many European musicians had settled after the war, and she inspired various friends to write new works for the viola. Bohuslav Martinu, for example, wrote specifically with her in mind *Madrigaly* for violin and viola (1947) and *Sonata* for viola and piano (1956). For the solo viola, she herself wrote *Twelve Caprices* (1950), *Sonata pastorale* (1956), *Fantasy Etudes* (1961) and *Fifteen Characteristic Studies* (1965).

Despite being a small woman (she was barely 5 ft tall), Lillian Fuchs had no problems handling the large dimensions of the viola. She owned a fine 16th-century example of the instrument by Gasparo de Salo, from which she drew a rich, expressive tone. Critics praised her for her finely-controlled technique, although some felt there might have been more vigour in her playing.



The viola, though, was not her first love. Born into a creative family — her father had spells as a painter, pianist and plumber — Lillian Fuchs studied violin with Louis Svecenski and Franz Kneisel at the New York Institute of Musical Art (today the *Julliard School) to which she* returned in later life as a teacher.

Her brothers, Joseph (who played the violin) and Harry (the cello), were also professional musicians and Joseph, despite being in his 96th year, still teaches at the Julliard *School in New York. The three* of them performed regularly together and it was for Joseph that Lillian Fuchs wrote piano accompaniments for the Paganini *Caprices for solo violin*.

However, it was in her performances of chamber music that Lillian Fuchs excelled. Although she made her New York recital debut at the Aeolian Hall in 1926 as a violinist, she had been playing the viola professionally since *the previous year when she* joined the Perole String Quartet, a group she remained with until its demise 18 years later. For a while she kept violin and viola playing almost equally in tandem, but gradually the viola took precedence.

Thereafter Lillian Fuchs became a sought-after soloist. Pablo Casals invited her to his festival in the French-Catalan town of Prades in 1953; the American composer Quincy Porter wrote a duo for viola and harp (1957) and a duo for violin and viola (1962) for her; and she, in turn, arranged for *the viola both Mozart's G* major Violin Concerto (K 216) — including cadenzas — (1947) and Bach's six Cello Suites. Her recording of the latter for Decca was hailed as a landmark in the treatment of that composer's music.

Later in life she turned her attention to teaching, and she numbered among her students many distinguished contemporary musicians, including *Isaac Stern*.

Lillian Fuchs married Ludwig Stein, a businessman and amateur musician, in 1932. He predeceased her three years ago, and she is survived by her twin daughters, also professional musicians, Barbara Mallow (cello) and Carol Amado (violin).

PROFESSOR ROGER PERRY

Professor Roger Perry, Professor of Environmental and Waste Management, Imperial College, London, died of a heart attack on October 1 aged 55. He was born on June 21, 1940.

OVER the past couple of decades, when attention to environmental issues has become not merely fashionable but voter-sensitive, Roger Perry was responsible for vital research into pollution levels both in Britain and abroad. These were to lead to innovative waste management techniques and the establishment of environmental engineering policies.

Perry was the adviser on major projects for the UN Development and Environment programme and to the World Health Organisation. He also chaired the intergovernmental commission between Macau, Hong Kong and Guangzhou (in China) to clean up the Pearl River basin.

In Britain he was appointed in 1988 as specialist adviser to the Commons Environment Committee inquiry into toxic waste management, a survey which, through exposing lax standards of regulation, led to the passage of the 1990 Environment Act. Recognising an acute need for a thorough scientific engineering approach to waste management issues, he coaxed the waste management industry into funding a Chair in Environmental Control and Waste Management at Imperial College, London.

Born in Solihull, Roger Perry was the son of a builder. He left school at 16 to begin work as a waste researcher for a local paint manufacturer. From there he moved to the Post Office engineering department where he gained further experience in wastewater analysis and treatment.

His abilities were recognised in 1961 when he was awarded a Civil Service bursary to study chemistry at Birmingham University, after which he spent two years as a *teacher at King Edward's* Grammar School, Aston. Here he contributed substantially to the then innovative Nuffield science teaching project which inspired him to return to Birmingham University in 1966 to study for a PhD. He completed it in just two years.

Moving to Imperial College, London, as a lecturer in public health engineering, Perry built up a hitherto small section of the civil engineering department into a thriving multi-disciplinary research group. He established facilities for research into environmental engineering and hydrology, and more particularly into wastewater treatment and air pollution.



In 1978 he was appointed Distinguished Professor by the American Association of Environmental Engineering Professors. And in 1981 he was promoted to the Chair of Public Health and Water Technology at Imperial College. In 1991 he was elected to the newly founded Chair of Environmental Control and Waste Management. During this time his ability to communicate technical issues in an imaginative and comprehensible way made him particularly valuable in an advisory capacity to the Commons Environment Committee, and he was heavily involved in setting up the waste management industry's training board. He also advised the Transport Select Committee on air quality and vehicle emissions.

His marriage was dissolved and he is survived by a son and a daughter.

Church news

Appointments

The Rev Gerald Addington, Rector, Charsfield w Debach, Monewden, Hoo, Dallinghoo and Letheringham, and Diocesan Warden of Readers (St Edmundsbury and Ipswich): to be *also* an Honorary Canon of the Cathedral Church of St James, Bury St *Edmunds*, same diocese.

The Rev Roy Arnold, Diocesan Communications Officer and Chaplain with Deaf People, diocese Sheffield: to be *also* an Honorary Canon of Sheffield Cathedral, same diocese.

The Rev Kim Bond, Student Counsellor, Stoke on Trent College: to be *also* Curate (NSM), Audley (Lichfield).

The Rev William Burke, Assistant Curate, St Michael's, Watford (St Albans): to be Rector, Castor w Sutton and Upton w Marholm (Peterborough).

The Rev Elizabeth Drax, Assistant Curate, Kimberworth, Rotherham: to be Assistant Curate, St Mary's, Doncaster (Sheffield).

The Rev John Druce, Rector, East Bergholt: to be also Priest-in-charge, Bentley (grouped with *Tattingstone*, Copdock and Washbrook), (St Edmundsbury and Ipswich).

The Rev Michael Dunk, Industrial Chaplain, diocese Birmingham: to be Priest-in-charge, St Hilda, Warley Woods, same diocese.

The Rev Peter Etterley, Team Rector, Seaton Hirst: to be Priest-in-charge, Felton and Longframlington w Brinkburn (Newcastle).

The Rev Philip Harbord, Chaplain to Heatherwood and Wexham Park Hospitals Trust (Guildford): to be Chaplain to Leicester General Hospital NHS Trust (Leicester).

The Rev Mark Hollington, Assistant Curate, Wednesbury St Paul: to be Assistant Curate, Cannock Team Ministry (Lichfield).

The Rev Canon Ronald Howe, Vicar, Brigstock w Stanion: to be *also* Rural Dean of Corby (Peterborough).

The Rev Michael Jarratt, Vicar, Rammoor, St John, Sheffield: to be *also* an Honorary Canon of Sheffield Cathedral (Sheffield).

The Rev Tony Jones, Rector, Brantham w Stutton: to be *also* Priest-in-charge, Tattingstone (grouped with Bentley, Copdock and Washbrook), (St Edmundsbury and Ipswich).

The Rev Andrew Law, Assistant Curate, Tupsley (Hereford): now Chaplain to the City of London Freeman's School, Ashstead (Guildford).

The Rev Glenys Lloyd, Resident Minister, Childs Ercall and Stoke on Tern: to be *also* Resident Minister, Cheswardine, Hales, Hinstock and Sambrook, within the same benefice (Lichfield).

The Rev Ian McIntosh, Assistant Curate, St John the Baptist, Pinner (London): to be Chaplain to Leicester University and Team Vicar, Team Ministry of the Holy Spirit, Leicester (Leicester).

The Rev Nigel Nicholson, Rector, Cranleigh: now *also* Rural Dean of Cranleigh (Guildford).

The Rev Andrew Patterson, Assistant Chaplain, Royal Victoria Infirmary, Newcastle: to be Vicar, Whitley, St Helen (Newcastle).

The Rev Alastair Ross, Vicar, Halifax: to be *also* Rural Dean of Halifax (Wakefield).

The Rev Robert Slipper, Assistant Curate, Crawley (Chichester): now Assistant Curate, Emmanuel, Stoughton (Guildford).

The Rev Geoffrey Smith, Rector, Haughton w Derrington and Ranton: to be *also* Rural Dean of Stafford (Lichfield).

The Rev William Stileman, Assistant Curate, Great Chesham Team Ministry: to be Team Vicar in that Team Ministry (Oxford).

The Rev Dorothy Twiss, Team Minister, Pewsey Team Ministry (Salisbury): to be Chaplain H M Prison, Drake Hall (Lichfield).

BELGRADE ROYAL WEDDING TRADITIONAL CUSTOMS

FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT
BELGRADE, OCTOBER 22

The Royal wedding was celebrated at noon today by the Patriarch Dimitriye. Prince Paul wore the uniform of a captain in the Guards, and Princess Olga a simple dress of white silk with silver embroidery. The Queen of Romania was present in a magnificent, richly embroidered dress, in the style of a Russian *boyarina*. After the ceremony the Royal relations and the Duke and Duchess of York watched the bride carry out the traditional Serbian wedding customs of stepping over a strip of cloth, symbolising the moat of her husband's house, of scattering corn, and of kissing a boy baby.

The bride and bridegroom leave this evening for their honeymoon in Rome and London. This afternoon the Duke and Duchess of York will receive the British colony at the British Legation.

The bridegroom, Prince Paul, is the son of Prince Arsene, the uncle of King Alexander, and the bride is the daughter of Prince Nicholas of Greece and the niece of the late King Constantine.

ON THIS DAY

OCTOBER 23, 1923

The bridegroom at this wedding was Prince Paul who, after the assassination of King Alexander of Yugoslavia, became Regent. His bride was a sister of Princess Marina, Duchess of Kent

MUSIC IN PARIS
NEW STRAVINSKY OCTET

FROM A CORRESPONDENT

The octet for wind instruments, Stravinsky's latest composition, was given its first performance at the second Kussevitzky concert at the Opera on Thursday, under the composer's own direction. The work, which is scored for flute, clarinet, two bassoons, two trumpets, and two trombones, is divided into three parts: Sinfonia, Theme and Variations, and Finale. The variations are described as "monometric" and conclude with a *fugato*. The music is interesting, especially from a "formal" point of view, and is an excellent *example of that tendency towards* "neo-classicism" which was already so apparent in "Mavra" and which is characteristic not only of Stravinsky's latest work but of that of the "Six" as well.

The octet must be judged as a piece of "absolute" music; in it will be found that abundant richness of invention and rhythmic variety we have learned to expect from Stravinsky, and which proves that he has something, at least, in common with J. S. Bach himself. The octet differs widely from the earlier Symphony for wind instruments (in memory of Claude Debussy) both in feeling and technique. In contrast to the sombre colours and discordant harmonies of the latter work, the octet is straightforward, lively music, markedly contrapuntal in character and containing scarcely any harmonic singularities. It was remarkably well played by eight members of the Kussevitzky Orchestra (which consists of musicians drawn from the principal Paris orchestras).

Prokofiev's violin concerto (1913), which was also produced at this concert, cannot be compared with the composer's later works, such as "Chout" or the "Scythian Suite."

NEWS

Councils face school funding loss

■ School funding could be taken away from local councils and handed to Whitehall under a radical plan being considered by the Prime Minister.

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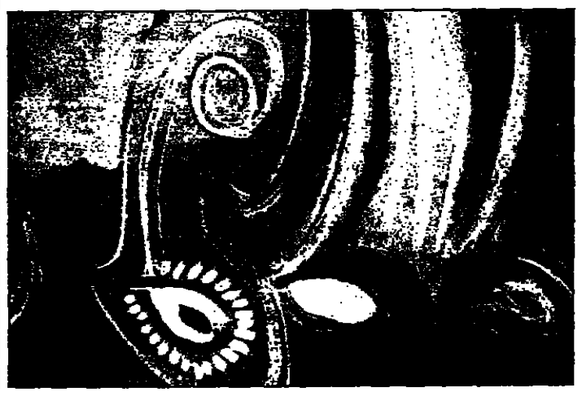
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Cricket: Devon Malcolm, the England fast bowler, rehearses his role as standard bearer as the tourists prepare to take on the South Africans ..... Page 25

Rugby union: Wasps, the English club hit heaviest by defections to Newcastle, sets its sights lower and awaits the arrival of Norman Hadley ..... Page 32

Rugby league: England will meet Australia in the final on Saturday. Australia beat New Zealand after extra time at Huddersfield in the second semi-final ..... Page 27

Baseball: Greg Maddux won the pitchers' shoot-out to give Atlanta Braves a 1-0 lead over Cleveland Indians in the first World Series for two years ..... Page 31

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The Prison Service top management cannot be held accountable for every mishap but it should be for the quality of management ... The service and the Government need to be seen to be working together ..... Page 19

Kremlin growling

Mr Yeltsin is leading a tottering society into an uncertain future ... The West will need nerves and patience ..... Page 19

Time to change time

Greenwich Mean Time was designed for an agrarian society in which people rose almost as many hours before dawn as they went to bed after dusk ..... Page 19

PETER RIDDELL

Mr Blair's team is not only inexperienced but contains an embarrassing number of duds ..... Page 18

MATTHEW PARRIS

My Uncle Don's painting *Family by Firelight* has been included in an exhibition of some quality, "Modern British Masters". The private view was a smart occasion, a lovely gallery, a superb exhibition — and Don would have hated every second ..... Page 18

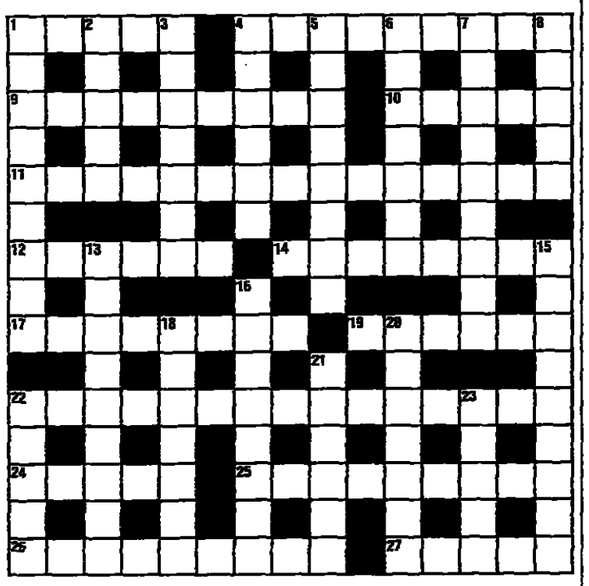
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American quiet on Croat atrocities is wrong. To go soft on these crimes is to invite more and to strengthen a vicious political tendency in Zagreb — *The Washington Post*

The Republicans are rushing through Congress the greatest attempt in modern history to reward the wealthy at the expense of the poor — *The New York Times*

THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 19,993



ACROSS

1 Go off, missing entrance to pass (5).
4 Antelope I caught on both sides of an island (9).
9 Pay to follow bowls in county, once (9).
10 Disturbance in university class (5).
11 Support minor poet in dotage (6,9).
12 Less sensible collection (6).
14 Reportedly display weaving machine, an old family possession (8).
17 Nobleman making mischievous notes about this country (8).
19 Moneylender bound to be in the old city (6).
22 Dim new lot to shake up in new form (4,2,3,6).
24 Pigment companion found in mineral aggregate (5).
25 Girl on instrument – not piano, a different one (9).
26 Communicated with paper boy (9).
27 Abrasive agent on the board? (5).

DOWN

1 Old country – one invested in freely by Asians (9).
2 Order upset staff in charge (5).
3 Perfume's indispensable quality (7).
4 Stupidity of one officer seen in amateurish housework (6).
5 Cosmetic coming from East on the old ship (3-5).
6 Rent land from a northern city (7).
7 Acting in time to undermine underworld infamy (9).
8 Extract from epic I tediously quoted (5).
13 Not much food made in Silicon Valley? (9).
15 Hired soldier shows forbearance about near-disaster (9).
16 Singular vessels appearing in drawings (8).
18 See side assembled outside old church (7).
20 Imagine setting out up-river in a certain direction (7).
21 Extremely tame sort of jazz group (6).
22 A cooker knocked out of shape (5).
23 Nimble priest leaves in a weakened physical state (5).

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KNOCKANDO

The solution of Saturday's Prize Puzzle No 19,992 will appear next Saturday. The five winners will receive a bottle of Knockando, a superb Speyside Single Malt Scotch whisky and a fine leather credit card wallet.

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HIGHEST & LOWEST

Yesterday: Highest day temp: Poole Dorset, 18C (64F); lowest day max: Skye Wych, Highlands, 9C (48F); highest rainfall: Eskdalemuir Dumfries and Galloway, 1.24in; highest sunshine: Jersey, Channel Islands, 9.7hr

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FORECAST

☐ **General:** England and Wales will have a fine day with some sunshine. Parts of the westernmost areas, especially in Wales, may see some drizzle later but most places will stay dry with a stiff southerly breeze.

Scotland and Northern Ireland will have a generally cloudy and windy day. Rain in the west will gradually become confined to the Northern Isles. Northern Ireland and the Western Isles can expect rain after dark.

☐ **London, SE England, E Anglia, Central S England, Midlands, E England, Channel Isles, NW England, Central N, NE England:** Dry with broken cloud and sunny spells. Wind moderate southerly. Warm in the sunshine. Max 16C (61F).

☐ **SW England, Wales, Lakes, IoM:** Bright but cloudy at times. Some drizzle in the west later. Wind fresh to strong southerly, gales over high ground. Max 15C (59F).

☐ **Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Argyll, N Ireland:** Some drizzle, soon becoming brighter and mainly dry. Persistent rain after dark. Max 15C (59F).

☐ **Aberdeen, Moray Firth:** Cloudy but mainly dry, some sunshine. Wind fresh to strong southerly. Warm in the sunny spells. Max 14-16C (57-61F).

☐ **NE and NW Scotland:** Cloudy with some heavy rain, drier and brighter later. Further rain in west around midnight. Wind fresh southeasterly becoming strong southerly. Warmer than of late. Max 14C (57F).

☐ **Orkney, Shetland:** A cloudy start, rain later. Mainly dry by dusk. Wind fresh to strong southeasterly becoming strong southerly later. Max 10-13C (50-55F).

☐ **Outlook:** The north can expect further blustery showers, with the south remaining drier and brighter.

AROUND BRITAIN YESTERDAY

24 hrs to 5 pm: b = bright; c = cloud; d = drizzle; ds = dust storm; du = dull; f = fair; fg = fog; g = gale; h = hail; r = rain; sh = shower; sl = sleet; sn = snow; s = sun; t = thunder

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F		
Aberdeen	0.1	0.09	13	55	c	
Anglesey	.	0.02	15	59	r	
Aspatria	.	0.29	14	57	r	
Avonmore	2.5	0.17	12	54	b	
Belfast	.	0.50	13	55	r	
Birmingham	5.6	.	15	59	b	
Bognor R	6.5	.	16	61	b	
Bournem'th	5.6	.	17	63	s	
Bristol	4.7	.	16	61	s	
Buxton	5.4	.	15	59	s	
Cardiff	3.9	.	16	61	b	
Clacton	X					
Cleethorpes	X					
Colwyn Bay	1.3	.	15	59	c	
Cromer	4.7	.	14	57	b	
Doncaster	X					
Dunbar	X					
Eastbourne	7.3	.	16	61	s	
Edinburgh	.	0.30	13	55	r	
Eskdalemuir	.	1.24	13	55	r	
Exmouth	3.9	.	15	59	s	
Falmouth	5.0	.	18	64	b	
Fishguard	1.6	0.01	14	57	r	
Folkestone	X					
Glasgow	.	1.07	13	55	r	
Guernsey	X					
Hastings	4.0	.	15	59	s	
Hayling I.	7.3	.	16	61	s	
Herne Bay	3.9	.	14	57	s	
Hove	4.3	.	15	59	b	
Hunstanton	7.0	.	15	59	b	
Ilfracombe	X					
Isle of Man	.	0.06	15	59	r	
Jersey	9.7	.	16	61	s	
Kinloss	2.2	0.07	12	54	r	
Leeds	4.9	.	16	61	s	
Lerwick	3.9	0.21	11	52	sh	
Loughborough	.	0.17	13	55	r	

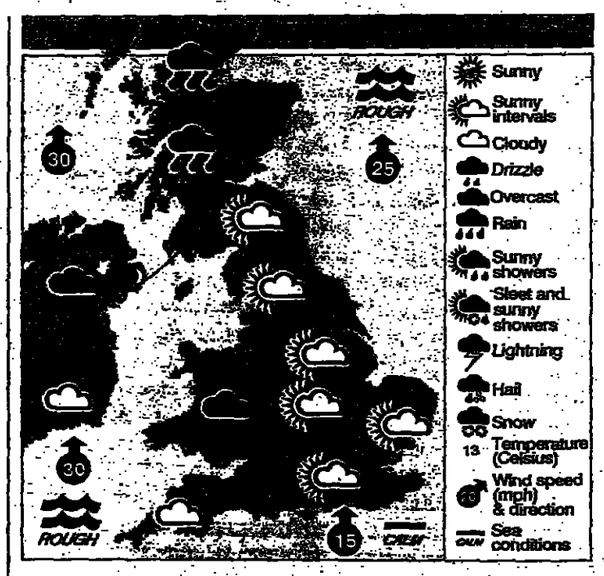
	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F		
Littlehmpton	X					
Liverpool	2.9	.	15	59	b	
London	4.6	.	15	59	b	
Lowestoft	3.3	.	14	57	s	
Manchester	4.7	.	15	59	s	
Margate	8.5	.	14	57	s	
Minehead	5.6	.	17	63	s	
Morecambe	.	0.07	14	57	r	
Newcastle	0.4	.	14	57	c	
Newquay	4.2	.	16	61	b	
Norwich	X					
Nottingham	X					
Oxford	5.8	.	16	61	s	
Penzance	X					
Plymouth	3.5	.	15	59	b	
Poole	5.2	.	18	64	s	
Prestatyn	X					
Rhos-o-nyd	4.9	.	15	59	s	
Ryde	X					
Salcombe	5.0	.	18	61	s	
Sandown	7.7	.	17	63	s	
Saunton Snd	3.5	.	17	63	s	
Scarboro'	3.7	.	15	59	s	
Shanklin	7.8	.	15	59	s	
Shrewsbury	5.2	.	15	59	s	
Skegness	X					
Southend	5.8	.	14	57	b	
Southport	1.5	0.01	15	59	b	
Southsea	6.7	.	16	61	s	
St. Ives	X					
Stornoway	6.0	0.24	11	52	sh	
Swanage	5.5	.	16	61	b	
Teignmouth	3.1	.	16	61	b	
Tenby	.	.	15	59	c	
Tiree	6.3	0.43	12	54	r	
Torquay	5.1	.	17	63	s	
Ventnor	7.8	.	17	63	s	
Weymouth	6.8	.	16	61	s	

ABROAD

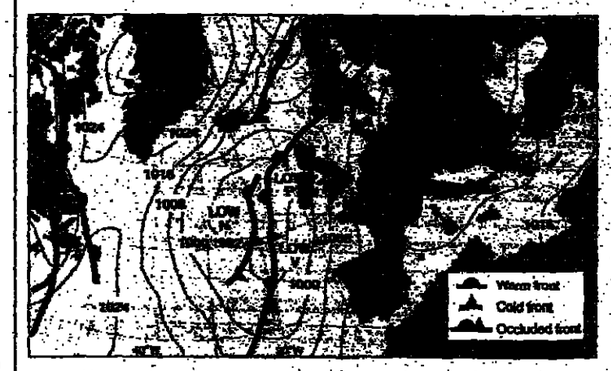
Ajaccio	21	70	s	Corfu	23	73	c	Madrid	19	66	s
Alicante	27	73	s	Cyprus	9	48	f	Majorca	21	70	f
Alex'dria	31	88	c	Dublin	15	59	c	Malaga	32	72	s
Algiers	24	75	s	Dubrovnik	19	66	s	Malta	29	84	f
Amst'dm	17	62	s	Faro	23	73	s	Malo'rca	12	54	r
Athens	23	73	f	Florence	21	70	f	Mexico C	X		
B Aires	20	68	s	Frankfurt	10	50	s	Milan	16	61	c
Bahrain	37	88	c	Funchal	22	72	f	Montreal	18	64	c
Bangkok	34	93	f	Geneva	13	55	s	Moscow	0	32	c
Barbados	30	86	s	Gibraltar	21	70	c	Munich	9	48	f
Barcelona	19	66	c	Helsinki	3	37	s	N Delhi	28	84	s
Beirut	24	75	s	Hong K	26	82	s	N York	18	64	r
Belgrade	14	57	s	Innsbruck	14	57	s	Nairobi	26	79	c
Berlin	10	50	s	Istanbul	15	59	r	Naples	23	73	s
Bermuda	25	77	c	Jeddah	35	95	s	Nice	21	70	a
Biarritz	17	63	s	Jo'burg	23	73	s	Oslo	10	50	r
Borde'x	17	63	f	Karachi	X			Paris	14	57	s
Brussels	11	52	s	L Angels	18	64	c	Peking	22	72	f
Budapst	12	54	f	L Palmas	24	75	f	Perth	21	70	s
Cairo	29	84	s	Lo Toyet	13	55	s	Prague	9	48	s
Cape Tn	X			Lisbon	20	68	s	Reykjavik	1	34	f
Ch'church	14	57	s	Locarno	16	61	c	Rhodes	22	72	s
Chicago	4	39	r	Luxembg	10	50	s	Rio de J	28	82	f
Cologne	12	54	c	Luxor	31	88	s	Riyadh	31	88	s

Rome	22	72	s	Sydney	19	66	f	Tokyo	20	68	c
S Fr'sco	16	61	s	Tangier	26	79	s	Toronto	9	48	r
S Paulo	21	70	f	Tel Aviv	26	79	s	Tunis	23	73	f
Salzburg	13	55	s	Tenerife	25	77	s	Valencia	22	72	s
Santiago	15	59	s	Seoul	22	72	s	Venice	16	61	s
Sarajevo	14	57	s	Singapor	29	84	t	Vienna	11	52	s
Seoul	22	72	s	Stockh'm	8	46	f	Warsaw	8	46	f
Sing'por	29	84	t	Strasb'g	11	52	s	Wash'ton	14	57	c
Stockholm	8	46	f	Sydney	19	66	f	Wel'gton	13	55	c
Strasb'g	11	52	s	Tangier	26	79	s	Zurich	12	54	s

Temperatures at midday local time X = not available



Changes to the chart below from noon: lows V and P will be dominated by low N. This will deepen and edge slowly northwards. Low M will fill in situ



TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	0:36	6.88	0:51	6.97	Leith	1:24	5.59	1:46	5.63
Aberdeen	0:12	4.27	0:40	4.30	Liverpool	10:17	9.29	10:33	9.82
Avonmouth	6:13	12.98	6:30	13.23	Lowestoft	5:19	2.86	9:01	2.53
Belfast	0:57	3.27	10:12	3.44	Margate	11:04	4.83	11:36	4.85
Cardiff	6:05	11.30	6:21	11.70	Milford Haven	5:11	6.88	5:27	7.12
Devonport	4:50	5.33	5:05	5.48	Newquay	4:03	6.42	4:20	6.77
Dover	9:56	6.60	10:12	6.63	Oban	4:57	3.86	5:08	4.10
Dublin	10:37	3.97	10:53	4.12	Penzance	3:40	5.33	3:56	5.50
Falmouth	3:58	4.89	4:17	5.10	Portland	5:48	2.11	6:05	2.13
Glasgow	--	--	0:13	4.51	Portsmouth	10:24	4.73	10:38	4.71
Harwich	10:50	3.98	11:17	4.08	Shoreham	10:11	6.26	10:31	6.26
Holyhead	9:17	5.59	9:32	5.78	Southampton	9:48	4.61	10:03	4.56
Hull	5:00	7.32	5:26	7.39	Swansea	5:17	9.38	5:32	9.61
Ilfracombe	4:56	9.23	5:12	9.48	Tees	2:25	5.33	2:52	5.42
King's Lynn	5:14	6.29	5:36	6.45	Wilton-on-Ntss	10:40	4.25	11:06	4.42

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Sun rises: 6.37 am | Sun sets: 4.52 pm

Moon sets: 4.31 pm | Moon rises: 5.35 am

London 4.52 pm to 6.38 am
Bristol 5.02 pm to 8.49 am
Edinburgh 4.04 pm to 7.02 am
Manchester 4.56 pm to 6.52 am
Penzance 5.16 pm to 6.58 am

New moon tomorrow

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